# MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF UTICA

## PHA Plans

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2000 - 2004 Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2000

NOTE: THIS PHA PLANS TEMPLATE (HUD 50075) IS TO BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN APPLICABLE PIH NOTICES

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### PHA Plan Agency Identification

| PHA           | Name: Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica   |
|---------------|--|
| PHA           | Number: NY006  |
| PHA           | Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 07/01/2000  |
| Publi         | c Access to Information  |
|               | nation regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting: all that apply)  Main administrative office of the PHA PHA development management offices PHA local offices   |
| Displ         | ay Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents  |
| The PH apply) | Main administrative office of the PHA PHA development management offices PHA local offices Main administrative office of the local government Main administrative office of the County government Main administrative office of the State government Public library PHA website Other (list below) |
| PHA P         | lan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply) Main business office of the PHA PHA development management offices Other (list below)  |

### 5-YEAR PLAN PHA FISCAL YEARS 2000 - 2004

[24 CFR Part 903.5]

| A. N  | Aission   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| State th  | State the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low income, and extremely low-income families in the PHA's jurisdiction. (select one of the choices below)  |  |  |  |  |
|   | The mission of the PHA is the same as that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.   |  |  |  |  |
| $\boxtimes$   | The PHA's mission is: (state mission here)  |  |  |  |  |
| UTIC<br>HOUS  | MISSION OF THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF A IS TO FURNISH THE UTICA AREA WITH DECENT AND AFFORDABLE SING. OUR PRIORITY IS TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN SAFE, TARY AND QUALITY HOUSING WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION Goals   |  |  |  |  |
| The goa<br>emphas<br>identify<br>PHAS A<br>REACH<br>include | als and objectives listed below are derived from HUD's strategic Goals and Objectives and those sized in recent legislation. PHAs may select any of these goals and objectives as their own, or y other goals and/or objectives. Whether selecting the HUD-suggested objectives or their own, ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY QUANTIFIABLE MEASURES OF SUCCESS IN HING THEIR OBJECTIVES OVER THE COURSE OF THE 5 YEARS. (Quantifiable measures would a targets such as: numbers of families served or PHAS scores achieved.) PHAs should identify these res in the spaces to the right of or below the stated objectives. |  |  |  |  |
| HUD   | Strategic Goal: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing.  |  |  |  |  |
|   | PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing Objectives:  Apply for additional rental vouchers:  Reduce public housing vacancies:  Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities:  Acquire or build units or developments  Other (list below)  |  |  |  |  |
| $\boxtimes$   | PHA Goal: Improve the quality of assisted housing   |  |  |  |  |

Improve public housing management: (PHAS score)

Objectives:

|               | Improve voucher management: (SEMAP score)  |   |
|---------------|--|---|
|               | <ul><li>✓ Increase customer satisfaction:</li><li>✓ Concentrate on efforts to improve specific management functions:</li></ul>   |   |
|               | (list; e.g., public housing finance; voucher unit inspections)   |   |
|               |  |   |
|               | Renovate or modernize public housing units:  Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing:  Provide replacement public housing:  Provide replacement vouchers:   |   |
|               | Provide replacement public housing:  |   |
|               | Provide replacement vouchers:  |   |
|               | Other: (list below)  |   |
| $\boxtimes$   | PHA Goal: Increase assisted housing choices  |   |
|               | Objectives:  |   |
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|               | Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords  |   |
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|               |  |   |
|               | Other: (list below)  |   |
| HUD           | rategic Goal: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality  |   |
| $\boxtimes$   | PHA Goal: Provide an improved living environment   |   |
|               | Objectives:  |   |
|               | Implement measures to deconcentrate poverty by bringing higher income publi housing households into lower income developments:   | c |
|               | Implement measures to promote income mixing in public housing by assuring access for lower income families into higher income developments:  |   |
|               | Implement public housing security improvements:  |   |
|               | Designate developments or buildings for particular resident groups (elderly,   |   |
|               | persons with disabilities)   |   |
|               | Other: (list below)  |   |
| HUD<br>indivi | rategic Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and als   | l |
| $\boxtimes$   | PHA Goal: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households  |   |

| Objec              | ives:   |
|--------------------|---|
|                    | Increase the number and percentage of employed persons in assisted families:  |
| $\boxtimes$        | Provide or attract supportive services to improve assistance recipients'  |
|                    | employability:  |
|                    | Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities.  |
|                    | Other: (list below)   |
|                    | Ouler. (list below)   |
| HUD Strateg        | ic Goal: Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing for all Americans  |
| PHA (              | Goal: Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing   |
| Objec              | ives:   |
|                    | Undertake affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless  |
|                    | of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:   |
|                    | Undertake affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for   |
|                    | families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion national origin, sex, familial status, and disability:   |
|                    | Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with all   |
|                    | varieties of disabilities regardless of unit size required:   |
|                    | Other: (list below)   |
| Other PHA          | Goals and Objectives: (list below)  |
| GOAL:              | MANAGE THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF UTICA'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM IN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER   |
| <b>Objectives:</b> |   |
|                    |   |
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efficient team of employees to operate as a customer-friendly and fiscally prudent leader in the affordable housing industry. This will be accomplished through leadership and program training, employee and program evaluations.

GOAL: EXPAND THE RANGE AND QUALITY OF HOUSING CHOICES AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR TENANT-BASED RENT SUBSIDY PROGRAM

### **Objectives:**

- 1. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica shall maintain a utilization rate of ninety-five (95%) percent in its tenant-based program through June 30, 2005.
- 2. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica shall attract ten (10) new landlords who want to participate in the tenant-based assistance program. This objective will be accomplished by June 30, 2005.

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GOAL: MAINTAIN THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF UTICA'S PROPERTIES IN A DECENT CONDITION

**Objective:** 

- 1. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will deliver timely and high quality maintenance services to the residents. This is an on-going objective.
- 2. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will maintain an appealing, up to date environment it its developments. This is an on-going objective.
- 3. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica shall implement and maintain a policy for the eradication and prevention of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation). This objective will be accomplished by June 30, 2001.

GOAL: ENHANCE THE MARKETABILITY OF THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF UTICA'S PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS

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GOAL: IMPROVE ACCESS OF PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS TO SERVICES THAT SUPPORT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

#### **Objectives:**

1. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica shall assist its resident organizations in strengthening their capacity and

effectiveness. This objective will be accomplished by June 30, 2005.

GOAL: PROVIDE SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT IN THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF UTICA'S PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

**Objectives:** 

1. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica shall reduce crime in its developments. This is an on-going objective.

### Annual PHA Plan PHA Fiscal Year 2000

[24 CFR Part 903.7]

| i. Annual Plan Type:   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Select which type of Annual Plan the PHA will submit.  |  |  |  |
| Standard Plan  |  |  |  |
| Streamlined Plan:  High Performing PHA Small Agency (<250 Public Housing Units) Administering Section 8 Only   |  |  |  |
| Troubled Agency Plan   |  |  |  |
| <u>ii. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan</u> [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]  |  |  |  |
| Provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan, including highlights of major initiatives and discretionary policies the PHA has included in the Annual Plan.  |  |  |  |
| The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica has prepared this Agency Plan in compliance with Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and the ensuing HUD requirements.                         |  |  |  |
| We have adopted the following mission statement to guide the activities of the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica.   |  |  |  |
| THE MISSION OF THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF UTICA IS TO FURNISH THE UTICA AREA WITH DECENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. OUR PRIORITY IS TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN SAFE, SANITARY AND QUALITY HOUSING WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION |  |  |  |
| We have adopted the following HUD goals and objectives for the next five years.  |  |  |  |
| HUD Strategic Goal: Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing.   |  |  |  |
| PHA Goal: Expand the supply of assisted housing  |  |  |  |

|          | Object                 | ives:  |
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|          | Ħ                      | Reduce public housing vacancies:   |
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Our Annual Plan is based on the premise that if we accomplish our goals and objectives we will be working towards the achievement of our mission.

The plans, statements, budget summary, policies, etc. set forth in the Annual Plan all lead towards the accomplishment of our goals and objectives. Taken as a whole, they outline a comprehensive approach towards our goals and objectives and are consistent with the Consolidated Plan for the State of New York. The following are a few highlights of our Annual Plan.

- We have adopted an aggressive screening policy for public housing to ensure to the best
  of our ability that new admissions will be good neighbors. In our Section 8 program, we
  are screening applicants to the fullest extent allowable while not taking away the ultimate
  responsibility from the landlord. Our screening practices meet all fair housing
  requirements.
- We have adopted a Deconcentration Policy.
- We have established a minimum rent of \$50 for our public housing and Section 8 program.
- We have established flat rents for all of our public housing developments.
- Our Interim Reexamination policy does not require families to report any increase in earned income, decreases in allowable expenses, or changes in the family composition that would result in an increase in the Total Tenant Payment between regular reexamination.

• We are utilizing the published Fair Market Rents as our payment standard for the Section 8 program.

In summary, we are on course to improve the condition of affordable housing in the City of Utica, New York.

### iii. Annual Plan Table of Contents

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

Provide a table of contents for the Annual Plan, including attachments, and a list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

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#### **Attachments**

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| Required A     | Attachments:   |
|----------------|--|
|                | dmissions Policy for Deconcentration (ny006a01)                                |
|                | Y 2000 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement (ny006b01)                        |
| M              | ost recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs       |
| tha            | at are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)                  |
| Option         | nal Attachments:   |
| PI             | HA Management Organizational Chart   |
| $\boxtimes$ FY | Y 2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan (ny006c01, ny006d01,            |
| ny006          | GeO1)  |
| ∑ Pu           | ablic Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan (ny006f01)                 |
| ⊠ Co           | omments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included |
| in             | PHA Plan text) – Included in this PHA Plan Text                                |
| ⊠ Ot           | ther (List below, providing each attachment name)                              |
| De             | efinition of Substantial Deviation (ny006g01)                                  |

### **Supporting Documents Available for Review**

Indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the "Applicable & On Display" column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the program activities conducted by the PHA.

|                         | List of Supporting Documents Available for Review  |                                      |  |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Applicable & On Display | Supporting Document  | Applicable Plan Component            |  |
| X                       | PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations   | 5 Year and Annual Plans              |  |
| X                       | State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan   | 5 Year and Annual Plans              |  |
| X                       | Fair Housing Documentation: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement. | 5 Year and Annual Plans              |  |
| X                       | Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located (which includes the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI))) and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction  | Annual Plan:<br>Housing Needs        |  |
| X                       | Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program   | Annual Plan:<br>Financial Resources; |  |
| X                       | Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy  | Annual Plan: Eligibility,            |  |

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| Applicable<br>&<br>On Display                     | Supporting Document  | Applicable Plan Component  |  |
|   | Policy (A&O), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]   | Selection, and Admissions<br>Policies                              |  |
| X   | Section 8 Administrative Plan  | Annual Plan: Eligibility,<br>Selection, and Admissions<br>Policies |  |
| X   | Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing Documentation:  1. PHA board certifications of compliance with deconcentration requirements (section 16(a) of the US Housing Act of 1937, as implemented in the 2/18/99 Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice and any further HUD guidance) and  2. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis | Annual Plan: Eligibility,<br>Selection, and Admissions<br>Policies |  |
| X   | Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents  check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy   | Annual Plan: Rent<br>Determination                                 |  |
| X   | Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development  check here if included in the public housing  A & O Policy  | Annual Plan: Rent<br>Determination                                 |  |
| X   | Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies  check here if included in Section 8  Administrative Plan   | Annual Plan: Rent<br>Determination                                 |  |
| X   | Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)   | Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance                            |  |
| X   | Public housing grievance procedures  check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy   | Annual Plan: Grievance<br>Procedures                               |  |
| X   | Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures  check here if included in Section 8  Administrative Plan   | Annual Plan: Grievance<br>Procedures                               |  |
| X   | The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year   | Annual Plan: Capital Needs   |  |
| NA  | Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant  | Annual Plan: Capital Needs   |  |
| X   | Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an attachment (provided at PHA option)   | Annual Plan: Capital Needs   |  |
| NA  | Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved   | Annual Plan: Capital Needs   |  |

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| Applicable & On Display                           | Supporting Document  | Applicable Plan Component                            |  |
|   | or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans or any other approved proposal for development of public housing   |  |  |
| X   | Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing   | Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition              |  |
| NA  | Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans)  | Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing           |  |
| NA  | Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act      | Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing            |  |
| NA  | Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans  | Annual Plan:<br>Homeownership                        |  |
| NA  | Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program  check here if included in the Section 8  Administrative Plan   | Annual Plan:<br>Homeownership                        |  |
| X   | Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency  | Annual Plan: Community<br>Service & Self-Sufficiency |  |
| X   | FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8  | Annual Plan: Community<br>Service & Self-Sufficiency |  |
| X   | Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports   | Annual Plan: Community<br>Service & Self-Sufficiency |  |
| X   | The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHEDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan)                        | Annual Plan: Safety and<br>Crime Prevention          |  |
| X   | The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U. S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings | Annual Plan: Annual Audit                            |  |
| NA  | Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan   | Troubled PHAs  |  |
| NA  | Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)  | (specify as needed)                                  |  |

### 1. Statement of Housing Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

### A. Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction/s Served by the PHA

Based upon the information contained in the Consolidated Plan/s applicable to the jurisdiction, and/or other data available to the PHA, provide a statement of the housing needs in the jurisdiction by completing the following table. In the "Overall" Needs column, provide the estimated number of renter families that have housing needs. For the remaining

characteristics, rate the impact of that factor on the housing needs for each family type, from 1 to 5, with 1 being "no impact" and 5 being "severe impact." Use N/A to indicate that no information is available upon which the PHA can make this assessment.

| Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction |                |                    |        |         |                    |      |               |
|---|----------------|--------------------|--------|---------|--------------------|------|---------------|
|   | by Family Type |                    |        |         |                    |      |               |
| Family Type                                   | Overall        | Afford-<br>ability | Supply | Quality | Access-<br>ibility | Size | Loca-<br>tion |
| Income <= 30% of AMI                          | 5,750          | 3                  | 3      | 5       | 4                  | 2    | 4             |
| Income >30% but <=50% of AMI                  | 3,640          | 3                  | 2      | 4       | 4                  | 3    | 4             |
| Income >50% but <80% of AMI                   | 2,383          | 2                  | 2      | 4       | 4                  | 4    | 4             |
| Elderly                                       | 3,311          | 2                  | 1      | 2       | 1                  | 3    | 1             |
| Families with Disabilities                    | NA             |                    |        |         |                    |      |               |
| Race/Ethnicity-<br>Black                      | 5,750          | 3                  | 3      | 4       | 4                  | 3    | 4             |
| Race/Ethnicity-<br>Hispanic                   | 581            | 3                  | 3      | 4       | 4                  | 3    | 4             |
| Race/Ethnicity-<br>Native American            | 150            | 3                  | 3      | 4       | 4                  | 3    | 4             |
| Race/Ethnicity-<br>Asian/Pacific Is.          | 256            | 3                  | 3      | 4       | 4                  | 3    | 4             |

What sources of information did the PHA use to conduct this analysis? (Check all that apply; all materials must be made available for public inspection.)

|             | Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s                                     |
|-------------|---|
|             | Indicate year:  |
| $\boxtimes$ | U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy ("CHAS") |
|             | dataset   |
|             | American Housing Survey data  |
|             | Indicate year:  |
|             | Other housing market study  |
|             | Indicate year:  |
|             | Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)                      |
|             |   |

### B. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists

State the housing needs of the families on the PHA's waiting list/s. Complete one table for each type of PHA-wide waiting list administered by the PHA. PHAs may provide separate tables for site-based or sub-jurisdictional public housing waiting lists at their option.

| Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List  |               |                     |                 |  |  |
|--|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Waiting list type: (select one)  Section 8 tenant-based assistance  Public Housing  Combined Section 8 and Public Housing  Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)  If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction: |               |                     |                 |  |  |
|  | # of families | % of total families | Annual Turnover |  |  |
| Waiting list total   | 104           |                     | 84 units        |  |  |
| Extremely low income <=30% AMI   | 14            | 13.5%               |                 |  |  |
| Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)   | 77            | 74%                 |                 |  |  |
| Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)   | 13            | 12.5%               |                 |  |  |
| Families with children   | 41            | 39.4%               |                 |  |  |
| Elderly families   | 5             | 4.8%                |                 |  |  |
| Families with Disabilities   | 6             | 5.8%                |                 |  |  |
| Race/ethnicity-White   | 49            | 47%                 |                 |  |  |
| Race/ethnicity-Black   | 37            | 35.6%               |                 |  |  |
| Race/ethnicity-<br>Hispanic  | 17            | 16.4%               |                 |  |  |
| Race/ethnicity-<br>Asian/Pacific Is.   | 1             | 1%                  |                 |  |  |
| Characteristics by<br>Bedroom Size (Public<br>Housing Only)  |               |                     |                 |  |  |

| Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List                                      |    |       |          |  |  |
|--|----|-------|----------|--|--|
| 0BR  | 1  | 1%    | 0 units  |  |  |
| 1 BR   | 52 | 50%   | 28 units |  |  |
| 2 BR   | 24 | 23%   | 36 units |  |  |
| 3BR  | 17 | 16.4% | 19 units |  |  |
| 4 BR   | 10 | 9.6%  | 1 unit   |  |  |
| 5+ BR  |    |       |          |  |  |
| Is the waiting list closed (select one)? No Yes                                    |    |       |          |  |  |
| If yes:  |    |       |          |  |  |
| How long has it been closed (# of months)?   |    |       |          |  |  |
| Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? No Yes                |    |       |          |  |  |
| Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if |    |       |          |  |  |
| generally closed? No Yes   |    |       |          |  |  |

| Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List   |     |       |             |  |
|---|-----|-------|-------------|--|
| Waiting list type: (select one)  Section 8 tenant-based assistance  Public Housing  Combined Section 8 and Public Housing  Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)  If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:  # of families  % of total families  Annual Turnover |     |       |             |  |
| Waiting list total  | 101 |       | 22 vouchers |  |
| Extremely low income <=30% AMI  | 7   | 6.9%  |             |  |
| Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)  | 90  | 89.1% |             |  |
| Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)  | 4   | 4%    |             |  |
| Families with children  | 61  | 60.4% |             |  |
| Elderly families  | 25  | 24.8% |             |  |
| Families with Disabilities  | 36  | 35.6% |             |  |
| Race/ethnicity –  | 74  | 73.3% |             |  |

| Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List   |                     |       |    |  |  |
|---|---------------------|-------|----|--|--|
| White   |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Race/ethnicity –<br>Black   | 27                  | 26.7% |    |  |  |
| Race/ethnicity –  | 9                   | 8.9%  |    |  |  |
| Hispanic  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Race/ethnicity  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| •   |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Characteristics by  | NA                  | NA    | NA |  |  |
| Bedroom Size (Public  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Housing Only)   |                     |       |    |  |  |
| 1BR   |                     |       |    |  |  |
| 2 BR  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| 3 BR  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| 4 BR  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| 5 BR  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| 5+ BR   |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Is the waiting list close   | ed (select one)? No | Yes   |    |  |  |
| If yes:   |                     |       |    |  |  |
| How long has it been closed (# of months)?  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? No Yes   |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| generally close   | d? No Yes           |       |    |  |  |
| <ul> <li>C. Strategy for Addressing Needs</li> <li>Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list IN THE UPCOMING YEAR, and the Agency's reasons for choosing this strategy.</li> <li>(1) Strategies</li> </ul> |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations   |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:  Select all that apply  |                     |       |    |  |  |
| Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line  |                     |       |    |  |  |

|                 | Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units   |
|-----------------|---|
| $\boxtimes$     | Reduce time to renovate public housing units  |
| $\boxtimes$     | Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance  |
|                 | development   |
| $\boxtimes$     | Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8  |
|                 | replacement housing resources   |
| $\boxtimes$     | Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that  |
|                 | will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction  |
|                 | Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted   |
|                 | by the PHA, regardless of unit size required  |
| $\boxtimes$     | Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners,   |
|                 | particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration   |
| $\boxtimes$     | Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8  |
|                 | applicants to increase owner acceptance of program  |
| $\boxtimes$     | Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination   |
|                 | with broader community strategies   |
|                 | Other (list below)  |
|                 | Outer (list octow)  |
|                 | gy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:  1 that apply   |
|                 |   |
| $\boxtimes$     |   |
| $V \setminus V$ | Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available   |
| X               | Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available<br>Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of   |
|                 | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of  |
|                 | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing  |
|                 | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of  |
|                 | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing  Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.  |
|                 | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing  Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based  |
| Need:           | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing  Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.  |
|                 | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing  Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.  Other: (list below)  Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median  |
| Strate          | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing  Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.  Other: (list below)  Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median  gy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI   |
| Strate          | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing  Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.  Other: (list below)  Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median  |
| Strate          | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing  Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.  Other: (list below)  Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median  gy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI  1 that apply   |
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| Strate          | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance. Other: (list below)  Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median  gy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30% of AMI I that apply  Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing  Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance  Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships |
| Strate          | Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance. Other: (list below)  Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median  sy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI I that apply  Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance  |

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 50% of median Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI Select all that apply Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work Other: (list below) Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly **Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:** Select all that apply Seek designation of public housing for the elderly Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available X Other: (list below) Eligible applicants are admitted to our Public Housing and Section 8 programs based on the date and time of application, and, for public housing, according to bedroom size required. The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy Families who are elderly, disabled, or displaced will be offered housing before other single persons. Buildings Designed for the Elderly and Disabled: Preference will be given to elderly and disabled families. If there are no elderly or disabled families on the list, preference will then be given to near-elderly families. If there are no near-elderly families on the waiting list, units will be offered to families who qualify for the appropriate bedroom size using these priorities. All such families will be selected from the waiting list using the preferences as outlined above.

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:

Select all that apply

**Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities** 

|                        | Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities                        |
|------------------------|--|
|                        | Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504            |
|                        | Needs Assessment for Public Housing  |
|                        | Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they   |
|                        | become available   |
|                        | Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities |
| $\overline{\boxtimes}$ | Other: (list below)  |

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.

### 2.0 Reasonable Accommodation

Sometimes people with disabilities may need a reasonable accommodation in order to take full advantage of the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica housing programs and related services. When such accommodations are granted, they do not confer special treatment or advantage for the person with a disability; rather, they make the program accessible to them in a way that would otherwise not be possible due to their disability. This policy clarifies how people can request accommodations and the guidelines the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will follow in determining whether it is reasonable to provide a requested accommodation. Because disabilities are not always apparent, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will ensure that all applicants/tenants are aware of the opportunity to request reasonable accommodations.

#### 2.1 Communication

Anyone requesting an application will also receive a Request for Reasonable Accommodation form.

Notifications of reexamination, inspection, appointment, or eviction will include information about requesting a reasonable accommodation. Any notification requesting action by the tenant will include information about requesting a reasonable accommodation.

All decisions granting or denying requests for reasonable accommodations will be in writing.

### 2.2 Questions to Ask in Granting the Accommodation

A. Is the requestor a person with disabilities? For this purpose the definition of person with disabilities is different than the definition used for admission. The Fair Housing definition used for this purpose is:

A person with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment. (The disability may not be apparent to others, i.e., a heart condition).

If the disability is apparent or already documented, the answer to this question is yes. It is possible that the disability for which the accommodation is being requested is a disability other than the apparent disability. If the disability is not apparent or documented, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will obtain verification that the person is a person with a disability.

- B. Is the requested accommodation related to the disability? If it is apparent that the request is related to the apparent or documented disability, the answer to this question is yes. If it is not apparent, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will obtain documentation that the requested accommodation is needed due to the disability. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will not inquire as to the nature of the disability.
- C. Is the requested accommodation reasonable? In order to be determined reasonable, the accommodation must meet two criteria:
  - 1. Would the accommodation constitute a fundamental alteration? The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica's business is housing. If the request would alter the fundamental business that the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica conducts, that would not be reasonable. For instance, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica would deny a request to have the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica do grocery shopping for a person with disabilities.
  - Would the requested accommodation create an undue financial hardship or administrative burden? Frequently the requested accommodation costs little or nothing. If the cost would be an undue burden, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica may request a meeting with the individual to investigate and consider

equally effective alternatives.

D. Generally the individual knows best what it is they need; however, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica retains the right to be shown how the requested accommodation enables the individual to access or use the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica's programs or services.

If more than one accommodation is equally effective in providing access to the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica's programs and services, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica retains the right to select the most efficient or economic choice.

The cost necessary to carry out approved requests, including requests for physical modifications, will be borne by the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica if there is no one else willing to pay for the modifications. If another party pays for the modification, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will seek to have the same entity pay for any restoration costs.

If the tenant requests as a reasonable accommodation that they be permitted to make physical modifications at their own expense, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will generally approve such request if it does not violate codes or affect the structural integrity of the unit.

Any request for an accommodation that would enable a tenant to materially violate essential lease terms will not be approved, i.e. allowing nonpayment of rent, destruction of property, disturbing the peaceful enjoyment of others, etc.

**Accessible Units:** Accessible units will be first offered to families who may benefit from the accessible features. Applicants for these units will be selected utilizing the same preference system as outlined above. If there are no applicants who would benefit from the accessible features, the units will be offered to other applicants in the order that their names come to the top of the waiting list. Such applicants, however, must sign a release form stating they will accept a transfer (at their own expense) if, at a future time, a family requiring an accessible feature applies. Any family required to transfer will be given a 30-day notice.

We have the following policy for our Section 8 Program.

### **H. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY** [24 CFR 700.245(c)(3)]

It is the policy of this PHA to be service-directed in the administration of our housing programs, and to exercise and demonstrate a high level of professionalism while providing housing services to families.

A participant with a disability must first ask for a specific change to a policy or practice as an accommodation of their disability before the PHA will treat a person differently than anyone else. The PHA's policies and practices will be designed to provide assurances that persons with disabilities will be given reasonable accommodations, upon request, so that they may fully access and utilize the housing program and related services. The availability of requesting an accommodation will be made known by including notices on PHA forms and letters. This policy is intended to afford persons with disabilities an equal opportunity to obtain the same result, to gain the same benefit, or to reach the same level of achievement as those who do not have disabilities and is applicable to all situations described in this Administrative Plan including when a family initiates contact with the PHA, when the PHA initiates contact with a family including when a family applies, and when the PHA schedules or reschedules appointments of any kind.

To be eligible to request a reasonable accommodation, the requester must first certify (if apparent) or verify (if not apparent) that they are a person with a disability under the following ADA definition:

A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual;

A record of such impairment; or

Being regarded as having such an impairment

Note: This is not the same as the HUD definition used for purposes of determining allowances.

Rehabilitated former drug users and alcoholics are covered under the ADA. However, a current drug user is not covered. In accordance with 5.403(a), individuals are not considered disabled for eligibility purposes solely on the basis of any drug or alcohol dependence. Individuals whose drug or alcohol addiction is a material factor to their disability are excluded from the definition. Individuals are considered disabled if disabling mental and physical limitations would persist if drug or alcohol abuse discontinued.

Once the person's status as a qualified person with a disability is confirmed, the PHA will require that a professional third party competent to make the assessment, provides written verification that the person needs the specific accommodation due to their disability and the

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change is required for them to have equal access to the housing program. If the PHA finds that the requested accommodation creates an undue administrative or financial burden, the PHA will either deny the request and/or present an alternate accommodation that will still meet the need of the person.

An undue administrative burden is one that requires a fundamental alteration of the essential functions of the PHA (i.e., waiving a family obligation).

An undue financial burden is one that when considering the available resources of the agency as a whole, the requested accommodation would pose a severe financial hardship on the PHA.

The PHA will provide a written decision to the person requesting the accommodation within **a reasonable time**. If a person is denied the accommodation or feels that the alternative suggestions are inadequate, they may request an informal hearing to review the PHA's decision.

Reasonable accommodation will be made for persons with a disability that requires an advocate or accessible offices. A designee will be allowed to provide some information, but only with the permission of the person with the disability.

All PHA mailings will be made available in an accessible format upon request, as a reasonable accommodation.

### **Verification of Disability**

The PHA will verify disabilities under definitions in the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, and Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### Applying for Admission

All persons who wish to apply for any of the PHA's programs must submit an application **in written format**, as indicated in our public notice. Applications will be made available in an accessible format upon request from a person with a disability.

To provide specific accommodation to persons with disabilities, upon request, the information may be mailed to the applicant and, if requested, it will be mailed in an accessible format.

The full application is completed at the eligibility appointment in the applicant's own handwriting, unless assistance is needed, or a request for accommodation is requested by a person with a disability. Applicants will then be interviewed by PHA staff to review the information on the full application form. Verification of disability as it relates to 504, Fair

OMB Approval No: 2577-0226 Expires: 03/31/2002 Housing, or ADA reasonable accommodation will be requested at this time. The full application will also include questions asking all applications whether reasonable accommodations are necessary.

**Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs** 

Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and

|             | ethnicities with disproportionate needs:   |
|-------------|--|
| Select if   | f applicable   |
|             | Affirmatively market to races/ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs Other: (list below)   |
| Strate      | gy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing   |
| Select a    | ll that apply  |
|             | Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units  Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations |
| $\boxtimes$ | Other: (list below)  |

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.

### 1.0 FAIR HOUSING

It is the policy of the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica to fully comply with all Federal, State and local nondiscrimination laws; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica shall affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of its public housing program.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, familial status, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica's programs.

To further its commitment to full compliance with applicable Civil Rights laws, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will provide Federal/State/local information to applicants/tenants of the Public Housing Program regarding discrimination and any recourse available to them if they believe they may be victims of discrimination. Such information will be made available with the application, and all applicable Fair Housing Information and Discrimination Complaint Forms will be made available at the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica office. In addition, all written information and advertisements will contain the appropriate Equal Opportunity language and logo.

The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will assist any family that believes they have suffered illegal discrimination by providing them copies of the appropriate housing discrimination forms. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will also assist them in completing the forms if requested, and will provide them with the address of the nearest HUD office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

The following is our Fair Housing Policy governing our Section 8 Program.

#### G. FAIR HOUSING POLICY

It is the policy of the Housing Authority to comply fully with all Federal, State, and local nondiscrimination laws and with the rules and regulations governing Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in housing and employment.

The Municipal Housing Authority shall not deny any family or individual the equal opportunity to apply for or receive assistance under the Section 8 Programs on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, familial or marital status, handicap or disability or sexual orientation.

To further its commitment to full compliance with applicable Civil Rights laws, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will provide Federal/State/local information to Voucher holders regarding unlawful discrimination and any recourse available to families who believe they are victims of a discriminatory act. Such information will be made available during the family briefing session, and all applicable Fair Housing Information and Discrimination Complaint Forms will be made a part of the Voucher holder" briefing packet and available upon request at the front desk.

All Housing Authority staff will be required to attend fair housing training and informed of the importance of affirmatively furthering fair housing and providing equal opportunity to all families, including providing reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities, as a

part of the overall commitment to quality customer service. Fair Housing posters are posted throughout the Housing Authority offices, including in the lobby and interview rooms and the equal opportunity logo will be used on all outreach materials. Staff will attend local fair housing update training sponsored by HUD and other local organization to keep current with new developments.

Except as otherwise provided in 24CFR8.21©(1), 8.24(a), 8.25, and 8.31, no individual with disabilities shall be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination because the Housing Authority's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities. Posters and housing information are displayed in locations throughout the Housing Authority's office in such a manner as to be easily readable from a wheelchair.

The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica offices are accessible to persons with disabilities. Accessibility for the hearing impaired is provided by the telephone service provider.

### Other Housing Needs & Strategies: (list needs and strategies below)

### (2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the strategies it will pursue:

| abla                   |  |
|------------------------|--|
| $\triangle$            | Funding constraints  |
| $\boxtimes$            | Staffing constraints   |
|                        | Limited availability of sites for assisted housing                             |
| $\overline{\boxtimes}$ | Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the |
|                        | community  |
|                        | Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other   |
|                        | information available to the PHA   |
|                        | Influence of the housing market on PHA programs                                |
|                        | Community priorities regarding housing assistance                              |
|                        | Results of consultation with local or state government                         |
|                        | Results of consultation with residents and the Resident Advisory Board         |
|                        | Results of consultation with advocacy groups                                   |
|                        | Other: (list below)  |

### 2. Statement of Financial Resources

#### [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (b)]

List the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant-based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the Plan year. Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use for those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing supportive services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

| Financial Resources:  |            |                   |  |  |  |
|---|------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Planned Sources and Uses  |            |                   |  |  |  |
| Sources   | Planned \$ | Planned Uses      |  |  |  |
| 1. Federal Grants (FY 2000 grants)  |            |                   |  |  |  |
| a) Public Housing Operating Fund  | 2,108,836  |                   |  |  |  |
| b) Public Housing Capital Fund  | 2,610,832  |                   |  |  |  |
| c) HOPE VI Revitalization   | 0          |                   |  |  |  |
| d) HOPE VI Demolition   | 0          |                   |  |  |  |
| e) Annual Contributions for Section 8<br>Tenant-Based Assistance                            | 4,891,064  |                   |  |  |  |
| f) Public Housing Drug Elimination<br>Program (including any Technical<br>Assistance funds) | 217,140    |                   |  |  |  |
| g) Resident Opportunity and Self-<br>Sufficiency Grants                                     | 150,000    |                   |  |  |  |
| h) Community Development Block<br>Grant   | 0          |                   |  |  |  |
| i) HOME   | 0          |                   |  |  |  |
| Other Federal Grants (list below)   |            |                   |  |  |  |
| Juvenile Justice Drug Prevention Grant  | 85,000     | Resident Services |  |  |  |
| 2. Prior Year Federal Grants<br>(unobligated funds only) (list below)                       |            |                   |  |  |  |
| 3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income  | 2,167,320  | P H Operations    |  |  |  |
| 4. Other income (list below)  |            |                   |  |  |  |
| Interest on General Fund Investments  | 195,000    | P H Operations    |  |  |  |
| <b>4. Non-federal sources</b> (list below)  |            |                   |  |  |  |

| Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses |            |                   |  |  |
|---|------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Sources                                       | Planned \$ | Planned Uses      |  |  |
| Oneida Co. Work Force Development             |            |                   |  |  |
| Welfare To Work Funds                         | 50,000     | Resident Services |  |  |
|   |            |                   |  |  |
| Total resources                               | 12,475,192 |                   |  |  |
|   |            |                   |  |  |
|   |            |                   |  |  |

### 3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

### A. Public Housing

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete subcomponent 3A.

### (1) Eligibility

| a. V | When does the PHA verify eligibility for admission to public housing? (select all that apply) |
|------|---|
|      | When families are within a certain number of being offered a unit: (state number)             |
|      | When families are within a certain time of being offered a unit: (state time)                 |
| X    | Other: (describe)   |

The following are extracts from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.

The application process will involve two phases. The first phase is the initial application for housing assistance or the pre-application. The pre-application requires the family to provide limited basic information establishing any preferences to which they may be entitled. This first phase results in the family's placement on the waiting list.

Upon receipt of the family's pre-application, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will make a preliminary determination of eligibility. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will notify the family in writing of the date and time of placement on the waiting list, and the approximate wait before housing may be offered. If the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica determines the family to be ineligible, the notice will state the reasons therefore and will offer the family the opportunity of an informal review of the determination.

The applicant may at any time report changes in their applicant status including changes in family composition, income, or preference factors. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will annotate the applicant's file and will update their place on the waiting list. Confirmation of the changes will be confirmed with the family in writing.

The second phase is the final determination of eligibility, referred to as the full application. The full application takes place when the family nears the top of the waiting list. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will ensure that verification of all preferences, eligibility, suitability and selection factors are current in order to determine the family's final eligibility for admission into the Public Housing Program.

### 9.3 Families Nearing the Top of the Waiting List

When a family appears to nearing the top of the waiting list, the family will be invited to an interview and the verification process will begin. It is at this point in time that the family's waiting list preference will be verified. If the family no longer qualifies to be near the top of the list, the family's name will be returned to the appropriate spot on the waiting list. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica must notify the family in writing of this determination and give the family the opportunity for an informal review.

Once the preference has been verified, the family will complete a full application, present Social Security number information, citizenship/eligible immigrant information, and sign the Consent for Release of Information forms.

| b. '     | Which non-income (screening) factors does the PHA use to establish eligibility for |
|----------|--|
|          | admission to public housing (select all that apply)?                               |
| X        | Criminal or Drug-related activity  |
| $\times$ | Rental history   |
|          | Housekeeping   |
| X        | Other (describe)   |
|          |  |

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.

### 8.3 Suitability

A. Applicant families will be evaluated to determine whether, based on their

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recent behavior, such behavior could reasonably be expected to result in noncompliance with the public housing lease. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will look at past conduct as an indicator of future conduct. Emphasis will be placed on whether a family's admission could reasonably be expected to have a detrimental effect on the development environment, other tenants, Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica employees, or other people residing in the immediate vicinity of the property. Otherwise eligible families will be denied admission if they fail to meet the suitability criteria.

- B. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will consider objective and reasonable aspects of the family's background, including the following:
  - 1. History of meeting financial obligations, especially rent;
  - 2. Ability to maintain (or with assistance would have the ability to maintain) their housing in a decent and safe condition based on living or housekeeping habits and whether such habits could adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of other tenants;
  - History of criminal activity by any household member involving crimes of physical violence against persons or property and any other criminal activity including drug-related criminal activity that would adversely affect the health, safety, or well being of other tenants or staff or cause damage to the property;
  - 3. History of disturbing neighbors or destruction of property;
  - 4. Having committed fraud in connection with any Federal housing assistance program, including the intentional misrepresentation of information related to their housing application or benefits derived there from; and
  - 5. History of abusing alcohol in a way that may interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment by others.
- C. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will ask applicants to provide information demonstrating their ability to comply with the essential elements of the lease. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will verify the information provided. Such verification may include but may not be limited to the following:
  - 1. A credit check of the head, spouse and co-head;

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- 2. A rental history check of all adult family members;
- 3. A criminal background check on all adult household members, including live-in aides. This check will be made through State or local law enforcement or court records in those cases where the household member has lived in the local jurisdiction for the last three years. Where the individual has lived outside the local area, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica may contact law enforcement agencies where the individual had lived or request a check through the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC);
- 4. A check of the State's lifetime sex offender registration program for each adult household member, including live-in aides. No individual registered with this program will be admitted to public housing.

#### 8.4 Grounds For Denial

The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica is not required or obligated to assist applicants who:

- A. Do not meet any one or more of the eligibility criteria;
- B. Do not supply information or documentation required by the application process;
- C. Have failed to respond to a written request for information or a request to declare their continued interest in the program;
- D. Have a history of not meeting financial obligations, especially rent;
- E. Do not have the ability to maintain (with assistance) their housing in a decent and safe condition where such habits could adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of other tenants;
- F. Have a history of criminal activity by any household member involving crimes of physical violence against persons or property and any other criminal activity including drug-related criminal activity that would adversely affect the health, safety, or well being of other tenants or staff or cause damage to the property;

- G. Have a history of disturbing neighbors or destruction of property;
- H. Currently owes rent or other amounts to any housing authority in connection with their public housing or Section 8 programs;
- I. Have committed fraud, bribery or any other corruption in connection with any Federal housing assistance program, including the intentional misrepresentation of information related to their housing application or benefits derived there from;
- J. Were evicted from assisted housing within three years of the projected date of admission because of drug-related criminal activity involving the personal use or possession for personal use;
- K. Were evicted from assisted housing within five years of the projected date of admission because of drug-related criminal activity involving the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, or possession with the intent to manufacture, sell, distribute a controlled substance as defined in Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 802;
- L. Are illegally using a controlled substance or are abusing alcohol in a way that may interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica may waive this requirement if:
  - 1. The person demonstrates to the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica's satisfaction that the person is no longer engaging in drug-related criminal activity or abuse of alcohol;
  - 2. Has successfully completed a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program;
  - 3. Has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully; or
  - 4. Is participating in a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program.
- M. Have engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior towards any Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica staff member or resident;
- N. Have a household member who has ever been evicted from public housing;

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|        | О.  | Have a family household member who has been terminated under the certificate or voucher program;   |
|--------|---|--|
|        | P.  | <b>Denied for Life:</b> If any family member has been convicted of manufacturing or producing methamphetamine (speed) in a public housing development or in a Section 8 assisted property;   |
|        | Q.  | <b>Denied for Life:</b> Has a lifetime registration under a State sex offender registration program.   |
| d. 🔀   | Yes   | <ul> <li>No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?</li> <li>No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?</li> <li>No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)</li> </ul> |
| a. Whi | ch metho<br>hat apply<br>Comm<br>Sub-jur<br>Site-ba | est Organization  ods does the PHA plan to use to organize its public housing waiting list (select y)  unity-wide list risdictional lists sed waiting lists (describe)   |
| b. Wh  | PHA m   | interested persons apply for admission to public housing? nain administrative office evelopment site management office (list below)  |
| ansv   | wer each  | plans to operate one or more site-based waiting lists in the coming year, of the following questions; if not, skip to subsection (3) Assignment by site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?5  |
|        |   |  |

| 2. 🔀 3          | No: Are any or all of the PHA's site-based waiting lists new for the upcoming year (that is, they are not part of a previously-HUD-approved site based waiting list plan)?  If yes, how many lists? 5  |
|-----------------|--|
| 3. 🛛 Y          | Yes No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously If yes, how many lists? 5   |
|                 | e can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the based waiting lists (select all that apply)?  PHA main administrative office  All PHA development management offices  Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists  At the development to which they would like to apply  Other (list below) |
| (3) Assign      | <u>ment</u>  |
| of or are On Tw |  |
| The follow      | ing is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.  |
| 10              | .6 Offer of a Unit   |
| bec<br>hig      | nen the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica discovers that a unit will some available, we will contact the first family on the waiting list who has the hest priority for this type of unit or development and whose income category uld help to meet the deconcentration goal and/or the income targeting goal.                    |

The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will contact the family first by telephone to make the unit offer. If the family cannot be reached by telephone, the family will be notified of a unit offer via first class mail. The family will be given five (5) business days from the date the letter was mailed to contact the Municipal

Housing Authority of the City of Utica regarding the offer.

The family will be offered the opportunity to view the unit. After the opportunity to view the unit, the family will have two (2) business days to accept or reject the unit. This verbal offer and the family's decision must be documented in the tenant file. If the family rejects the offer of the unit, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will send the family a letter documenting the offer and the rejection.

## 10.7 Rejection of Unit

If in making the offer to the family the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica skipped over other families on the waiting list in order to meet their deconcentration goal or offered the family any other deconcentration incentive and the family rejects the unit, the family will not lose their place on the waiting list and will not be otherwise penalized.

If the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica did not skip over other families on the waiting list to reach this family, did not offer any other deconcentration incentive, and the family rejects the unit without good cause, the family will forfeit their application's date and time. The family will keep their preferences, but the date and time of application will be changed to the date and time the unit was rejected.

If the family rejects with good cause any unit offered, they will not lose their place on the waiting list. Good cause includes reasons related to health, proximity to work, school, and childcare (for those working or going to school). The family will be offered the right to an informal review of the decision to alter their application status.

| b. Yes No: Is this policy consistent across all waiting list types?  |  |
|--|--|
| c. If answer to b is no, list variations for any other than the primary public housing waiting list/s for the PHA:   |  |
| (4) Admissions Preferences   |  |
| a. Income targeting:  Yes No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 40% of all new admissions to public housing to families at or below 30% of median area income? |  |

| b. Transfer policies:  |
|--|
| In what circumstances will transfers take precedence over new admissions? (list below)         |
| Emergencies  |
| Overhoused   |
| Underhoused  |
| Medical justification  |
| Administrative reasons determined by the PHA (e.g., to permit modernization                    |
| work)  |
| Resident choice: (state circumstances below)   |
| Other: (list below)  |
|  |
| c. Preferences   |
| 1. Yes No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to public housing                 |
| (other than date and time of application)? (If "no" is selected, skip to                       |
| subsection (5) Occupancy)  |
| subsection (3) Occupancy)  |
| 2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the             |
| coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other            |
| preferences)   |
| F  |
| Former Federal preferences:  |
| Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing                       |
| Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)  |
| Victims of domestic violence   |
| Substandard housing  |
| Homelessness   |
| High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)  |
|  |
| Other preferences: (select below)  |
| Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability                         |
| Veterans and veterans' families  |
| Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction   |
| Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs                 |
| Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)                    |
| Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)                          |
| Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs                |
| Victims of reprisals or hate crimes  |
| Other preference(s) (list below)   |
|  |
| 3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the    |
| space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, |

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and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

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| Former  | Federal preferences: Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition) Victims of domestic violence Substandard housing Homelessness High rent burden  |
|---------|---|
| Other p | Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability Veterans and veterans' families Residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes) Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting) Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs Victims of reprisals or hate crimes Other preference(s) (list below) |
| 4. Rela | ationship of preferences to income targeting requirements:  The PHA applies preferences within income tiers  Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements  |
| (5) Occ | <u>cupancy</u>  |
|         | t reference materials can applicants and residents use to obtain information about the s of occupancy of public housing (select all that apply)  The PHA-resident lease  The PHA's Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy policy  PHA briefing seminars or written materials  Other source (list)   |

| b. How often must residents notify the PHA of changes in family composition | on? (select all |
|---|-----------------|
| that apply)   |                 |
| At an annual reexamination and lease renewal                                |                 |
| Any time family composition changes   |                 |
| At family request for revision  |                 |
| Other (list)  |                 |

The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy

#### 15.6 Interim Reexaminations

During an interim reexamination, only the information affected by the changes being reported will be reviewed and verified.

Families are not required to report any increase in earned income or decrease in allowable expenses between annual reexaminations.

Families are required to report the following changes to the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica between regular reexaminations. If the family's rent is being determined under the income method, these changes will trigger an interim reexamination. The family shall report these changes within ten (10) days of their occurrence.

- A. A member has been added to the family through birth or adoption or court-awarded custody.
- B. A household member is leaving or has left the family unit.

In order to add a household member other than through birth or adoption (including a live-in aide), the family must request that the new member be added to the lease. Before adding the new member to the lease, the individual must complete an application form stating their income, assets, and all other information required of an applicant. The individual must provide their Social Security number if they have one and must verify their citizenship/eligible immigrant status. (Their housing will not be delayed due to delays in verifying eligible immigrant status other than delays caused by the family.) The new family member will go through the screening process similar to the process for applicants. The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will determine the eligibility of the individual before adding them to the lease. If the individual is found to be ineligible or does not pass the screening criteria, they will be advised in writing and given the opportunity for an informal review. If they are found to be eligible and do pass the screening criteria, their name will be added to the

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lease. At the same time, if the family's rent is being determined under the income method, the family's annual income will be recalculated taking into account the circumstances of the new family member. The effective date of the new rent will be in accordance with Section 15.8.

Families are not required to, but may at any time, request an interim reexamination based on a decrease in income, an increase in allowable expenses, or other changes in family circumstances. Upon such request, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will take timely action to process the interim reexamination and recalculate the tenant's rent.

## (6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing

|           | section intentionally left blank in accordance with the instructions ded in HUD PIH Notice 99-51.   |
|-----------|---|
| a. 🗌      | Yes No: Did the PHA's analysis of its family (general occupancy) developments to determine concentrations of poverty indicate the need for measures to promote deconcentration of poverty or income mixing? |
| b         | Yes No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to its <b>admissions policies</b> based on the results of the required analysis of the need to promote deconcentration of poverty or to assure income mixing?         |
| c. If the | e answer to b was yes, what changes were adopted? (select all that apply) Adoption of site-based waiting lists If selected, list targeted developments below:   |
|           | Employing waiting list "skipping" to achieve deconcentration of poverty or income mixing goals at targeted developments If selected, list targeted developments below:                                      |
|           | Employing new admission preferences at targeted developments If selected, list targeted developments below:   |
|           | Other (list policies and developments targeted below)   |
|           |   |

| d. Yes No: Did the PHA adopt any changes to <b>other</b> policies based on the results of the required analysis of the need for deconcentration of poverty and income mixing?   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| e. If the answer to d was yes, how would you describe these changes? (select all that apply)  |  |  |
| Additional affirmative marketing Actions to improve the marketability of certain developments Adoption or adjustment of ceiling rents for certain developments Adoption of rent incentives to encourage deconcentration of poverty and incomemixing Other (list below)  |  |  |
| f. Based on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make special efforts to attract or retain higher-income families? (select all that apply)  Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts  List (any applicable) developments below:               |  |  |
| g. Based on the results of the required analysis, in which developments will the PHA make special efforts to assure access for lower-income families? (select all that apply)  Not applicable: results of analysis did not indicate a need for such efforts  List (any applicable) developments below:                |  |  |
| B. Section 8  Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete sub-component 3B.  Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates). |  |  |
| <ul> <li>(1) Eligibility</li> <li>a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)</li> <li>Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Criminal of drug-related activity only to the extent required by law of regulation  Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation  More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors below)  Other (list below)                                  |  |  |
| The following is an extract from our adopted Section 8 Administrative Plan  |  |  |

#### **G. TENANT SCREENING** [24 CFR 982.307)]

The PHA will take into consideration any of the criteria for admission described in the "Denial or Termination of Assistance" chapter.

The PHA will not screen family behavior or suitability for tenancy. The PHA will not be liable or responsible to the owner or other persons for the family's behavior or the family's conduct in tenancy.

The owner is responsible for screening and selection of the family to occupy the owner's unit. At or before PHA approval of the tenancy, the PHA will inform the owner that screening and selection for tenancy is the responsibility of the owner.

The owner is responsible for screening families based on their tenancy histories, including such factors as:[24 CFR 982.307(a)(3)]

Payment of rent and utility bills

Caring for a unit and premises

Respecting the rights of other residents to the peaceful enjoyment of their housing

Drug-related criminal activity or other criminal activity that is a threat to the health, safety or property of others; and

Compliance with other essential conditions of tenancy.

The PHA will advise families how to file a complaint if they have been discriminated against by an owner. The PHA will advise the family to make a Fair Housing complaint. The PHA may also report the owner to HUD (Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity) or the local Fair Housing Organization.

| b | Yes 🔀 | No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?                                    |
|---|-------|--|
| c | Yes 🔀 | No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?                                    |
| d | Yes 🔀 | No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source) |

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| waiting list merged? (select all that apply)  None  Federal public housing   |
| (2) Waiting List Organization  a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance   |
| The PHA will furnish prospective owners with information about the family's rental history, or any history of drug trafficking.  |
| The PHA will provide documented information regarding tenancy history for the past five years to prospective landlords upon written request from the landlord, if available.   |
| A statement of the PHA's policy on release of information to prospective landlords will be included in the briefing packet which is provided to the family.  |
| The PHA will inform owners that it is the responsibility of the landlord to determine the suitability of prospective tenants. Owners will be encouraged to screen applicants for rent payment history, payment of utility bills, eviction history, respecting the rights of other residents, damage to units, drug-related criminal activity or other criminal activity that is a threat to the health, safety or property of others, and compliance with other essential conditions of tenancy. |
| The PHA will make an exception to this requirement if the family's whereabouts must be protected due to domestic abuse or witness protection.  |
| In accordance with HUD requirements, the PHA will furnish prospective owners <b>who</b> request the family's address information in writing from the PHA with the family's current address as shown in the PHA's records and, if known to the PHA, the name and address of the landlord at the family's current and prior address.   |
| H. <b>INFORMATION TO OWNERS</b> [24 CFR 982.307(b), 982.54(d)(7)]  |
| The following is an extract from our adopted Section 8 Administrative Plan   |
| Other (describe below)   |
| apply)  Criminal or drug-related activity  |
| e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that   |

| Federal moderate rehabilitation Federal project-based certificate program Other federal or local program (list below)   |
|---|
| <ul> <li>b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (select all that apply)</li> <li>PHA main administrative office</li> <li>Other (list below)</li> </ul>   |
| Interested persons may request an application form be mailed to them.   |
| (3) Search Time   |
| a. X Yes No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?   |
| If yes, state circumstances below:  |
| The following is an extract from our adopted Section 8 Administrative Plan  |
| F. TERM OF VOUCHER [24 CFR 982.303, 982.54(d)(11)]  |
| During the briefing session, each household will be issued a Voucher, which represents a contractual agreement between the PHA and the Family specifying the rights and responsibilities of each party. It does not constitute admission to the program, which occurs when the lease and contract become effective.                 |
| <b>Expirations</b>  |
| The Voucher is valid for a period of at least sixty calendar days from the date of issuance. The family must submit a Request for Approval of the Tenancy and Lease within the sixty-day period unless an extension has been granted by the PHA.  |
| If the Voucher has expired, and has not been extended by the PHA or expires after an extension, the family will be denied assistance. The family will not be entitled to a review or hearing. If the family is currently assisted, they may remain as a participant in their unit if there is an assisted lease/contract in effect. |
| Suspensions   |

When a Request for Approval of Tenancy is received, the PHA will not deduct the number of days required to process the request from the 60 day term of the voucher

#### **Extensions**

A family may request a written request for an extension of the Voucher time period. All requests for extensions must be received prior to the expiration date of the Voucher.

Extensions are permissible at the discretion of the PHA up to a maximum of an additional 60 days primarily for these reasons:

Extenuating circumstances such as hospitalization or a family emergency for an extended period of time which has affected the family's ability to find a unit within the initial sixty-day period. Verification is required.

The PHA is satisfied that the family has made a reasonable effort to locate a unit, including seeking the assistance of the PHA, throughout the initial sixty-day period. A completed search record is not required.

#### **Assistance to Voucher Holders**

Families who require additional assistance during their search may call the PHA Office to request assistance. Voucher holders will be notified at their briefing session that the PHA periodically updates the listing of available units and how the updated list may be obtained.

The PHA will assist families with negotiations with owners and provide other assistance related to the families' search for housing.

#### (4) Admissions Preferences

| a. Income targeting |  |
|---------------------|--|
| targeting more      | an to exceed the federal targeting requirements by than 75% of all new admissions to the section 8 program r below 30% of median area income?                              |
| based assista       | established preferences for admission to section 8 tenantance? (other than date and time of application) (if no, component (5) <b>Special purpose section 8 assistance</b> |

| <ol><li>Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the<br/>coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other<br/>preferences)</li></ol>  |
|---|
| Former Federal preferences  Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)  Victims of domestic violence  Substandard housing  Homelessness  High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)  |
| Other preferences (select all that apply)  Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability Veterans and veterans' families Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes) Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting) Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs Victims of reprisals or hate crimes Other preference(s) (list below) |
| 3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.  Date and Time   |
| Former Federal preferences Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition) Victims of domestic violence Substandard housing Homelessness High rent burden  |
| Other preferences (select all that apply)   |

| Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability Veterans and veterans' families Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programmed Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of income Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting) Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility Victims of reprisals or hate crimes Other preference(s) (list below) | -           |
|---|-------------|
| <ul> <li>4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are selected? (select one)</li> <li>Date and time of application</li> <li>Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique</li> </ul>  | applicants  |
| <ul> <li>5. If the PHA plans to employ preferences for "residents who live and/or work jurisdiction" (select one)</li> <li>This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD</li> <li>The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan</li> </ul>   | in the      |
| <ul> <li>6. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one)</li> <li>The PHA applies preferences within income tiers</li> <li>Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will targeting requirements</li> </ul>   | meet income |
| (5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs - NA  |             |
| <ul> <li>a. In which documents or other reference materials are the policies governing elig selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program administed PHA contained? (select all that apply)</li> <li>The Section 8 Administrative Plan</li> <li>Briefing sessions and written materials</li> <li>Other (list below)</li> </ul>   |             |
| b. How does the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section to the public?   | 8 programs  |

|                     | Through published notices Other (list below)   |
|---------------------|--|
|                     | HA Rent Determination Policies R Part 903.7 9 (d)]   |
|                     | <b>Public Housing</b> tions: PHAs that do not administer public housing are not required to complete sub-component   |
| Describ<br>discreti | ne the PHA's income based rent setting policy/ies for public housing using, including lonary (that is, not required by statute or regulation) income disregards and exclusions, in the riate spaces below.   |
| a. Use              | e of discretionary policies: (select one)  |
|                     | The PHA will not employ any discretionary rent-setting policies for income based rent in public housing. Income-based rents are set at the higher of 30% of adjusted monthly income, 10% of unadjusted monthly income, the welfare rent, or minimum rent (less HUD mandatory deductions and exclusions). (If selected, skip to subcomponent (2)) |
| or                  |  |
|                     | The PHA employs discretionary policies for determining income based rent (If selected, continue to question b.)  |
| b. Mir              | nimum Rent   |
| 1. Wha              | at amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one) \$0 \$1-\$25 \$26-\$50  |
| 2.                  | Yes No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies?  |

| 3. If yes to question 2, list these policies below:   |
|---|
| c. Rents set at less than 30% than adjusted income  |
| 1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to charge rents at a fixed amount or percentage less than 30% of adjusted income?  |
| 2. If yes to above, list the amounts or percentages charged and the circumstances under which these will be used below:   |
| <ul> <li>d. Which of the discretionary (optional) deductions and/or exclusions policies does the PHA plan to employ (select all that apply)</li> <li>For the earned income of a previously unemployed household member</li> <li>For increases in earned income</li> <li>Fixed amount (other than general rent-setting policy)</li> <li>If yes, state amount/s and circumstances below:</li> </ul> |
| Fixed percentage (other than general rent-setting policy)  If yes, state percentage/s and circumstances below:  |
| For household heads For other family members For transportation expenses For the non-reimbursed medical expenses of non-disabled or non-elderly families Other (describe below)   |
| e. Ceiling rents  |
| 1. Do you have ceiling rents? (rents set at a level lower than 30% of adjusted income) (select one)   |
| Yes for all developments Yes but only for some developments No  |
| 2. For which kinds of developments are ceiling rents in place? (select all that apply)  |

| For all developments For all general occupancy developments (not elderly or disabled or elderly only) For specified general occupancy developments For certain parts of developments; e.g., the high-rise portion For certain size units; e.g., larger bedroom sizes Other (list below)  |
|--|
| 3. Select the space or spaces that best describe how you arrive at ceiling rents (select all that apply)   |
| Market comparability study Fair market rents (FMR) 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile rents 75 percent of operating costs 100 percent of operating costs for general occupancy (family) developments Operating costs plus debt service The "rental value" of the unit Other (list below)  |
| f. Rent re-determinations:   |
| <ol> <li>Between income reexaminations, how often must tenants report changes in income or family composition to the PHA such that the changes result in an adjustment to rent? (select all that apply)         <ul> <li>Never</li> <li>At family option</li> <li>Any time the family experiences an income increase</li> <li>Any time a family experiences an income increase above a threshold amount or percentage: (if selected, specify threshold)</li> <li>Other (list below)</li> </ul> </li> </ol> |
| The following is an extract from our adopted Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.  |
| 15.6 Interim Reexaminations  |
| During an interim reexamination, only the information affected by the changes being reported will be reviewed and verified.  |
| Families are not required to report any increase in earned income or decrease in   |

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| allowable expenses between annual reexaminations.   |
|---|
| g.   Yes   No: Does the PHA plan to implement individual savings accounts for residents (ISAs) as an alternative to the required 12 month disallowance of earned income and phasing in of rent increases in the next year?  |
| (2) Flat Rents  |
| <ol> <li>In setting the market-based flat rents, what sources of information did the PHA use to establish comparability? (select all that apply.)</li> <li>The section 8 rent reasonableness study of comparable housing</li> <li>Survey of rents listed in local newspaper</li> <li>Survey of similar unassisted units in the neighborhood</li> <li>Other (list/describe below)</li> </ol> |
| We plan to also utilize the current FMR as a basis for determining our flat rents.  |
| B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance  Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer Section 8 tenant-based assistance are not required to complete sub-component 4B. Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).                        |
| (1) Payment Standards   |
| Describe the voucher payment standards and policies.  |
| <ul> <li>a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)</li> <li>At or above 90% but below100% of FMR</li> <li>100% of FMR</li> <li>Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR</li> <li>Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)</li> </ul>  |

|             | ne payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? ect all that apply) |
|-------------|--|
|             | FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment                   |
|             | of the FMR area The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard   |
|             | Reflects market or submarket   |
|             | Other (list below)   |
| c. If th    | ne payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level? (select                 |
|             | hat apply)   |
|             | FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's                       |
|             | segment of the FMR area Reflects market or submarket   |
| Ħ           | To increase housing options for families   |
|             | Other (list below)   |
|             |  |
| d. Ho       | ow often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)                              |
|             | Annually   |
|             | Other (list below)   |
|             |  |
| e. Wh       | at factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment                  |
| stan        | ndard? (select all that apply)   |
| $\boxtimes$ | Success rates of assisted families   |
|             | Rent burdens of assisted families Other (list below)   |
|             | Other (list below)   |
|             | Annual interviews with residents   |
|             |  |
|             |  |
| (2) Mi      | nimum Rent   |
| ***         |  |
| a. Wn       | at amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)  \$0                                  |
|             | \$1-\$25   |
| $\boxtimes$ | \$26-\$50  |
| ь <u>П</u>  | Yes No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship                                |
| <i>U</i> ,  | exemption policies? (if yes, list below)   |
|             |  |

# **5. Operations and Management**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (e)]

Exemptions from Component 5: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this section. Section 8 only PHAs must complete parts A, B, and C(2)

The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica is a high performing agency and is not required to complete this section.

| A. PHA Management St          | tructure                        |                                    |           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Describe the PHA's management | ent structure and organization. |                                    |           |
| (select one)                  |                                 |                                    |           |
| An organization ch            | art showing the PHA's mana      | gement structure and organiz       | ation is  |
| attached.                     |                                 |                                    |           |
| A brief description           | of the management structure     | and organization of the PHA        | A follows |
|                               |                                 |                                    |           |
|                               |                                 |                                    |           |
| B. HUD Programs Unde          | r PHA Management                |                                    |           |
| List Federal programs adn     | ninistered by the PHA, number o | f families served at the beginning | g of the  |
|                               | expected turnover in each. (Use | e "NA" to indicate that the PHA    | does not  |
| operate any of the program    |                                 | E 4 1                              |           |
| Program Name                  | Units or Families               | Expected                           |           |
|                               | Served at Year                  | Turnover                           |           |
|                               | Beginning                       |                                    |           |
| Public Housing                |                                 |                                    |           |
| Section 8 Vouchers            |                                 |                                    |           |
| Section 8 Certificates        |                                 |                                    |           |
| Section 8 Mod Rehab           |                                 |                                    |           |
| Special Purpose Section       |                                 |                                    |           |
| 8 Certificates/Vouchers       |                                 |                                    |           |
| (list individually)           |                                 |                                    |           |
| Public Housing Drug           |                                 |                                    |           |
| Elimination Program           |                                 |                                    |           |
| (PHDEP)                       |                                 |                                    |           |
|                               |                                 |                                    |           |
|                               |                                 |                                    |           |
| Other Federal                 |                                 |                                    |           |
| Programs(list individually)   |                                 |                                    |           |
|                               |                                 |                                    |           |

| C. Management and Maintenance Policies  |
|---|
| List the PHA's public housing management and maintenance policy documents, manuals and handbooks that contain the Agency's rules, standards, and policies that govern maintenance and |
| management of public housing, including a description of any measures necessary for the prevention o  |
| eradication of pest infestation (which includes cockroach infestation) and the policies governing Sectio 8 management.  |
| (1) Public Housing Maintenance and Management: (list below)   |
| (2) Section 8 Management: (list below)  |
|   |
|   |

# **6. PHA Grievance Procedures**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (f)]

Exemptions from component 6: High performing PHAs are not required to complete component 6. Section 8-Only PHAs are exempt from sub-component 6A.

The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica is a high performing agency and is not required to complete this section.

| A. Public Housing  1. Yes No: Has the PHA established any written grievance procedures in addition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR Part 966, Subpart B, for residents of public housing?  |
|---|
| If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:   |
| <ul> <li>2. Which PHA office should residents or applicants to public housing contact to initiate the PHA grievance process? (select all that apply)</li> <li>PHA main administrative office</li> <li>PHA development management offices</li> <li>Other (list below)</li> </ul> |
| B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance  |

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| 1. Yes No: Has the PHA established informal review procedures for applicants to the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program and informal hearing procedures for families assisted by the Section 8 tenant-based assistance program in addition to federal requirements found at 24 CFR 982?   |
|---|
| If yes, list additions to federal requirements below:   |
| <ul> <li>2. Which PHA office should applicants or assisted families contact to initiate the informal review and informal hearing processes? (select all that apply)</li> <li>PHA main administrative office</li> <li>Other (list below)</li> </ul>  |
| 7. Capital Improvement Needs  |
| [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)] Exemptions from Component 7: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component and may skip to Component 8.   |
| A. Capital Fund Activities  |
| Exemptions from sub-component 7A: PHAs that will not participate in the Capital Fund Program may skip to component 7B. All other PHAs must complete 7A as instructed.   |
| (1) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement   |
| Using parts I, II, and III of the Annual Statement for the Capital Fund Program (CFP), identify capital activities the PHA is proposing for the upcoming year to ensure long-term physical and social viability of its public housing developments. This statement can be completed by using the CFP Annual Statement tables provided in the table library at the end of the PHA Plan template <b>OR</b> , at the PHA's option, by completing and attaching a properly updated HUD-52837. |
| Select one:  The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name)  |
| ny006b01 - Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica Capital Funds<br>Program Annual Statement   |
| The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided below: (if selected, copy the CFP Annual Statement from the Table Library and insert here)  |
| (2) Ontional 5-Vear Action Plan   |

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| Agencies are encouraged to include a 5-Year Action Plan covering capital work items. This statement can be completed by using the 5 Year Action Plan table provided in the table library at the end of the PHA Plan template <b>OR</b> by completing and attaching a properly updated HUD-52834.                         |
|--|
| a. Yes No: Is the PHA providing an optional 5-Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund? (if no, skip to sub-component 7B)   |
| b. If yes to question a, select one:  The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as an attachment to the PHA Plan at Attachment (state name)  |
| ny006c01 - Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan  |
| The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided below: (if selected, copy the CFP optional 5 Year Action Plan from the Table Library and insert here)  |
|  |
| B. HOPE VI and Public Housing Development and Replacement Activities (Non-Capital Fund)  Applicability of sub-component 7B: All PHAs administering public housing. Identify any approved HOPE VI and/or public housing development or replacement activities not described in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement. |
| Activities (Non-Capital Fund)  Applicability of sub-component 7B: All PHAs administering public housing. Identify any approved HOPE VI and/or public housing development or replacement activities not described in the Capital Fund   |

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| Yes No: c)   | Does the PHA plan to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year?   |
|--|---|
|  | If yes, list development name/s below:  |
|  | NY006-10 Washington Courts<br>NY006-01 Adrean Terrace   |
| Yes No: d)   | Will the PHA be engaging in any mixed-finance development activities for public housing in the Plan year?  If yes, list developments or activities below:   |
|  | NY006-10 Humphrey Gardens   |
| Yes No: e)   | Will the PHA be conducting any other public housing development or replacement activities not discussed in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement?  If yes, list developments or activities below:   |
| 8. Demolition an                                   | d Disposition   |
| [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)] Applicability of compone | nt 8: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.  |
| rippineusinity of compone                          | it o. Beetion o omy 1111 is the not required to complete this section.  |
| 1. X Yes No:                                       | Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If "No", skip to component 9; if "yes", complete one activity description for each development.) |
|  | Disposition of NY006-10 Washington Courts (Federalization). Goldbas Homes (Federalization) has been demolished and the site will be disposed of.  |
| 2. Activity Description                            | Partial demolition of NY006-1 Adrean Terrace  |
| Yes No:  | Has the PHA provided the activities description information in the <b>optional</b> Public Housing Asset Management Table? (If "yes", skip to component 9. If "No", complete the Activity Description table below.)  |
|  |   |

| Demolition/Disposition Activity Description                                    |
|--|
| 1a. Development name: Washington Courts  |
| 1b. Development (project) number: NY006-10 (Federalization)                    |
| 2. Activity type: Demolition   |
| Disposition 🔀  |
| 3. Application status (select one)   |
| Approved   |
| Submitted, pending approval  |
| Planned application 🗵  |
| 4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (05/01/01) |
| 5. Number of units affected: 111   |
| 6. Coverage of action (select one)   |
| Part of the development  |
|  |
| 7. Timeline for activity:  |
| a. Actual or projected start date of activity: 05/01/02                        |
| b. Projected end date of activity: 11/01/02                                    |
|  |
| Demolition/Disposition Activity Description                                    |
| 1a. Development name: Goldbas Homes  |
| 1b. Development (project) number: NY006-10 (Federalization)                    |
| 2. Activity type: Demolition   |
| Disposition 🔀  |
| 3. Application status (select one)   |
| Approved   |
| Submitted, pending approval  |
| Planned application 🗵  |
| 4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (05/01/01) |
| 5. Number of units affected: 0   |
| 6. Coverage of action (select one)   |
| Part of the development  |
| ☐ Total development (units have been demolished – site disposition only)       |
| 7. Timeline for activity:  |
| a. Actual or projected start date of activity: 05/01/02                        |
| b. Projected end date of activity: 11/01/02                                    |
|  |
| Demolition/Disposition Activity Description                                    |
| 1a. Development name: Adrean Terrace   |
| 1b. Development (project) number: NY006-1                                      |
| 2. Activity type: Demolition 🔀   |

| Dispos                                  | sition  |
|---|---|
| 3. Application status (                 | select one)   |
| Approved                                | <u></u>   |
| -                                       | nding approval  |
| Planned applic                          |   |
| * | proved, submitted, or planned for submission: (05/01/01)  |
| 5. Number of units afford               |   |
| 6. Coverage of action                   |   |
| Part of the develo                      | •   |
| Total developmen                        |   |
| 7. Timeline for activity                |   |
| _                                       | rojected start date of activity: 05/01/02   |
| b. Projected er                         | nd date of activity: 11/01/02   |
|   |   |
|   |   |
| ·                                       | f Public Housing for Occupancy by Elderly Families  |
| <u>or Families w</u>                    | ith Disabilities or Elderly Families and Families   |
| with Disabilit                          | ies   |
| [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (i)]               |   |
| Exemptions from Compo                   | nent 9; Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.  |
|   |   |
| 1. Yes No:                              | Has the PHA designated or applied for approval to designate or<br>does the PHA plan to apply to designate any public housing for<br>occupancy only by the elderly families or only by families with |
|   | disabilities, or by elderly families and families with disabilities or will   |
|   | apply for designation for occupancy by only elderly families or only  |
|   | families with disabilities, or by elderly families and families with  |
|   | disabilities as provided by section 7 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937   |
|   | (42 U.S.C. 1437e) in the upcoming fiscal year? (If "No", skip to  |
|   | component 10. If "yes", complete one activity description for each  |
|   | development, unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined   |
|   | submission; PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to   |
|   | component 10.)  |
|   |   |
| 2. Activity Description                 |   |
| Yes No:                                 | Has the PHA provided all required activity description information  |
|   | for delications and in the anti-mal Delilia II.   |
|   | for this component in the <b>optional</b> Public Housing Asset  |
|   | Management Table? If "yes", skip to component 10. If "No",  |
|   |   |

| Des   | ignation of Public Housing Activity Description  |
|---|--|
| 1a. Development name:   |  |
| 1b. Development (proje  | ct) number:  |
| 2. Designation type:  | _  |
| Occupancy by o  | only the elderly   |
| Occupancy by fa   | amilies with disabilities  |
| Occupancy by o  | nly elderly families and families with disabilities  |
| 3. Application status (se   | elect one)   |
| Approved; inclu   | ded in the PHA's Designation Plan  |
| Submitted, pend   | ling approval  |
| Planned applicat  | tion   |
| 4. Date this designation  | approved, submitted, or planned for submission: (DD/MM/YY)   |
| 5. If approved, will this   | designation constitute a (select one)  |
| New Designation P   | lan  |
| Revision of a previous  | ously-approved Designation Plan?   |
| 6. Number of units affe   | ected:   |
| 7. Coverage of action   | (select one)   |
| Part of the develop   | ment   |
| Total development   |  |
| [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (j)] Exemptions from Compone  A. Assessments of Re | Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance ent 10; Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.  casonable Revitalization Pursuant to section 202 of the HUD Appropriations Act   |
| 1. ⊠ Yes □ No:  | Have any of the PHA's developments or portions of developments been identified by HUD or the PHA as covered under section 202 of the HUD FY 1996 HUD Appropriations Act? (If "No", skip to component 11; if "yes", complete one activity description for each identified development, unless eligible to complete a streamlined submission. PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component 11.) |
|   | Has the PHA provided all required activity description information for this component in the <b>optional</b> Public Housing Asset  |
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Management Table? If "yes", skip to component 11. If "No", complete the Activity Description table below.

| Conversion of Public Housing Activity Description   |
|---|
| 1a. Development name:   |
| 1b. Development (project) number:   |
| 2. What is the status of the required assessment?   |
| Assessment underway   |
| Assessment results submitted to HUD   |
| Assessment results approved by HUD (if marked, proceed to next question)                          |
| Other (explain below)   |
|   |
| 3. Yes No: Is a Conversion Plan required? (If yes, go to block 4; if no, go to                    |
| block 5.)   |
| 4. Status of Conversion Plan (select the statement that best describes the current status)        |
| Conversion Plan in development  |
| Conversion Plan submitted to HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY)   |
| Conversion Plan approved by HUD on: (DD/MM/YYYY)  |
| Activities pursuant to HUD-approved Conversion Plan underway                                      |
|   |
| 5. Description of how requirements of Section 202 are being satisfied by means other than         |
| conversion (select one)   |
| Units addressed in a pending or approved demolition application (date                             |
| submitted or approved:  |
| Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI demolition application                           |
| (date submitted or approved: )  |
| Units addressed in a pending or approved HOPE VI Revitalization Plan (date submitted or approved: |
| Requirements no longer applicable: vacancy rates are less than 10 percent                         |
| Requirements no longer applicable: site now has less than 300 units                               |
| Other: (describe below)   |
|   |
|   |
| B. Reserved for Conversions pursuant to Section 22 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937                |
| <del></del>   |
|   |
| C. Reserved for Conversions pursuant to Section 33 of the U.S. Housing Act of                     |
| 1937  |
|   |
|   |
| TT / 2000 A 1 D1 D  |

# 11. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

| A. Public Housing         |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Exemptions from Compon    | ent 11A: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete 11A.           |
|                           |  |
| 1. ☐ Yes ☒ No:            | Does the PHA administer any homeownership programs                       |
|                           | administered by the PHA under an approved section 5(h)                   |
|                           | homeownership program (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), or an approved               |
|                           | HOPE I program (42 U.S.C. 1437aaa) or has the PHA applied or             |
|                           | plan to apply to administer any homeownership programs under             |
|                           | section 5(h), the HOPE I program, or section 32 of the U.S.              |
|                           | Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z-4). (If "No", skip to               |
|                           | component 11B; if "yes", complete one activity description for each      |
|                           | applicable program/plan, unless eligible to complete a streamlined       |
|                           | submission due to <b>small PHA</b> or <b>high performing PHA</b> status. |
|                           | PHAs completing streamlined submissions may skip to component            |
|                           | 11B.)  |
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| 2. Activity Description   | 1  |
| Yes No:                   | Has the PHA provided all required activity description information       |
|                           | for this component in the <b>optional</b> Public Housing Asset           |
|                           | Management Table? (If "yes", skip to component 12. If "No",              |
|                           | complete the Activity Description table below.)                          |
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| Pub                       | olic Housing Homeownership Activity Description                          |
|                           | Complete one for each development affected)                              |
| 1a. Development name      |  |
| 1b. Development (proj     |  |
| 2. Federal Program aut    |  |
| HOPE I                    |  |
| 5(h)                      |  |
| Turnkey I                 | П  |
| = -                       | 2 of the USHA of 1937 (effective 10/1/99)                                |
| 3. Application status: (s | select one)  |
| Approved                  | ; included in the PHA's Homeownership Plan/Program                       |
|                           | , pending approval   |
| Planned a                 |  |
|                           | ip Plan/Program approved, submitted, or planned for submission:          |
| (DD/MM/YYYY)              | - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                                  |

| <ul><li>5. Number of units at</li><li>6. Coverage of action</li><li>Part of the developmen</li><li>Total developmen</li></ul> | n: (select one) pment  |
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| B. Section 8 Ten  | ant Based Assistance   |
| 1. Yes No:  | Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982? (If "No", skip to component 12; if "yes", describe each program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified), unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to high performer status. <b>High performing PHAs</b> may skip to component 12.) |
| 2. Program Description  | n:   |
| a. Size of Program  Yes No:   | Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the section 8 homeownership option?   |
| number of part 25 or f 26 - 50 51 to 1  | o the question above was yes, which statement best describes the cicipants? (select one) Fewer participants O participants Han 100 participants  |
| S   | gibility criteria the PHA's program have eligibility criteria for participation in its ection 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria? Tyes, list criteria below:   |
| 12. PHA Commu [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (l)]   | unity Service and Self-sufficiency Programs  |
| Exemptions from Compor  | nent 12: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this  |
| component. Section 8-Or   | nly PHAs are not required to complete sub-component C.   |
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The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica is a high performing agency and is not required to complete this section.

# A. PHA Coordination with the Welfare (TANF) Agency 1. Cooperative agreements: Yes No: Has the PHA has entered into a cooperative agreement with the TANF Agency, to share information and/or target supportive services (as contemplated by section 12(d)(7) of the Housing Act of 1937)? If yes, what was the date that agreement was signed? DD/MM/YY 2. Other coordination efforts between the PHA and TANF agency (select all that apply) Client referrals Information sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise) Coordinate the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families Jointly administer programs Partner to administer a HUD Welfare-to-Work voucher program Joint administration of other demonstration program Other (describe) B. Services and programs offered to residents and participants (1) General a. Self-Sufficiency Policies Which, if any of the following discretionary policies will the PHA employ to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families in the following areas? (select all that apply) Public housing rent determination policies Public housing admissions policies Section 8 admissions policies Preference in admission to section 8 for certain public housing families Preferences for families working or engaging in training or education programs for non-housing programs operated or coordinated by the PHA Preference/eligibility for public housing homeownership option participation Preference/eligibility for section 8 homeownership option participation

Other policies (list below)

| b. Economic and S | ocial self-sufficiency programs   |
|-------------------|---|
| Yes No:           | Does the PHA coordinate, promote or provide any programs to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of residents? (If "yes", complete the following table; if "no" skip to sub-component 2, Family Self Sufficiency Programs. The position of the table may be altered to facilitate its use.) |

|   | Serv              | vices and Program   | ms   |  |
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| Program Name & Description (including location, if appropriate) | Estimated<br>Size | Allocation Method (waiting list/random selection/specific criteria/other) | Access<br>(development office /<br>PHA main office / other<br>provider name) | Eligibility (public housing or section 8 participants or both) |
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# (2) Family Self Sufficiency program/s

# a. Participation Description

| Far            | nily Self Sufficiency (FSS) Participat | tion                          |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Program        | Required Number of Participants        | Actual Number of Participants |
|                | (start of FY 2000 Estimate)            | (As of: DD/MM/YY)             |
| Public Housing |  |                               |
| Section 8      |  |                               |

| [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)] Exemptions from Compon Section 8 Only PHAs may in PHDEP and are submit  The Municipal House is submitting a PHD:  A. Need for measure | and Crime Prevention Measures  nent 13: High performing and small PHAs not participating in PHDEP and y skip to component 15. High Performing and small PHAs that are participating ting a PHDEP Plan with this PHA Plan may skip to sub-component D.  ing Authority of the City of Utica is participating in PHDEP and EP Plan with this PHA Plan. See subcomponent D.  es to ensure the safety of public housing residents  for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents (select all |
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| [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]<br>Exemptions from Compor<br>Section 8 Only PHAs may  | nent 13: High performing and small PHAs not participating in PHDEP and y skip to component 15. High Performing and small PHAs that are participating  |
| [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]   |   |
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|   |   |
| D. Reserved for Con<br>U.S. Housing Act of  | mmunity Service Requirement pursuant to section 12(c) of the 1937   |
| Other: (list bel  | ow)   |
| agencies  | protocol for exchange of information with all appropriate TANF  |
| agencies regard   | r pursuing a cooperative agreement with all appropriate TANF ding the exchange of information and coordination of services  |
| reexamination.  |   |
| =   | dents of new policy on admission and reexamination residents of new policy at times in addition to admission and  |
|   | ropriate changes to the PHA's public housing rent determination ain staff to carry out those policies   |
| Housing Act of 193 program requirement  | ying with the statutory requirements of section 12(d) of the U.S. 7 (relating to the treatment of income changes resulting from welfare ints) by: (select all that apply)   |
| C. Welfare Benefit  | Reductions  |
|   |   |
|   | PHA plans to take to achieve at least the minimum program size? If no, list steps the PHA will take below:  |

|                    | High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in some or all of the PHA's developments  High incidence of violent and/or drug-related crime in the areas surrounding or adjacent to the PHA's developments  Residents fearful for their safety and/or the safety of their children  Observed lower-level crime, vandalism and/or graffiti  People on waiting list unwilling to move into one or more developments due to perceived and/or actual levels of violent and/or drug-related crime  Other (describe below) |
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|                    | at information or data did the PHA used to determine the need for PHA actions to prove safety of residents (select all that apply).  |
|                    | Safety and security survey of residents Analysis of crime statistics over time for crimes committed "in and around" public housing authority Analysis of cost trends over time for repair of vandalism and removal of graffiti Resident reports PHA employee reports Police reports Demonstrable, quantifiable success with previous or ongoing anticrime/anti drug programs Other (describe below)  ch developments are most affected? (list below)   |
| B. Cri             | me and Drug Prevention activities the PHA has undertaken or plans to ake in the next PHA fiscal year   |
| 1. List all that a | the crime prevention activities the PHA has undertaken or plans to undertake: (select apply)  Contracting with outside and/or resident organizations for the provision of crime-and/or drug-prevention activities  Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design  Activities targeted to at-risk youth, adults, or seniors  Volunteer Resident Patrol/Block Watchers Program  Other (describe below)   |

| C. Coordination between PHA and the police  |
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| 1. Describe the coordination between the PHA and the appropriate police precincts for carrying out crime prevention measures and activities: (select all that apply)  |
| Police involvement in development, implementation, and/or ongoing evaluation of drug-elimination plan Police provide crime data to housing authority staff for analysis and action Police have established a physical presence on housing authority property (e.g., community policing office, officer in residence) Police regularly testify in and otherwise support eviction cases Police regularly meet with the PHA management and residents Agreement between PHA and local law enforcement agency for provision of above-baseline law enforcement services Other activities (list below)  Which developments are most affected? (list below) |
| D. Additional information as required by PHDEP/PHDEP Plan PHAs eligible for FY 2000 PHDEP funds must provide a PHDEP Plan meeting specified requirements prior to receipt of PHDEP funds.   |
| Yes No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?  Yes No: Has the PHA included the PHDEP Plan for FY 2000 in this PHA Plan?  Yes No: This PHDEP Plan is an Attachment. (Attachment Filename:)   |
| Attachment ny006f01 – Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Plan   |
| 14. RESERVED FOR PET POLICY   |
| [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]   |
| 15. Civil Rights Certifications   |
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2. Which developments are most affected? (list below)

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations.

| 16. Fiscal Audit [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (p)]  |
|---|
| 1. Yes No: Is the PHA required to have an audit conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U S.C. 1437c(h))?   |
| (If no, skip to component 17.)  2. Yes No: Was the most recent fiscal audit submitted to HUD?  3. Yes No: Were there any findings as the result of that audit?  4. Yes No: If there were any findings, do any remain unresolved?  If yes, how many unresolved findings remain?  5. Yes No: Have responses to any unresolved findings been submitted to HUD? |
| If not, when are they due (state below)?  |
| 17. PHA Asset Management [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (q)]  |
| Exemptions from component 17: Section 8 Only PHAs are not required to complete this component. High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this component.  |
| The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica is a high performing agency and not required to complete this section.   |
| 1. Yes No: Is the PHA engaging in any activities that will contribute to the long-term asset management of its public housing stock, including how the Agency will plan for long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs that have <b>not</b> been addressed elsewhere in this PHA Plan?            |
| <ul><li>What types of asset management activities will the PHA undertake? (select all that apply)</li><li>Not applicable</li></ul>  |
| Private management  Development-based accounting  |
| Comprehensive stock assessment Other: (list below)  |
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| 3. Yes No                                     | o: Has the PHA included descriptions of asset management activities in the <b>optional</b> Public Housing Asset Management Table?   |
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| <b>18. Other Info</b> [24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r |   |
| A. Resident Advi                              | sory Board Recommendations  |
| 1. Yes No                                     | e: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?   |
|   | nents are: (if comments were received, the PHA <b>MUST</b> select one) Attachment (File name) elow:   |
| Verbal Comments:                              | <ol> <li>HUD should provide more funding,</li> <li>Voluntary Tenant Patrols are beneficial and</li> <li>Tenants may be helpful in the admissions process</li> </ol>                         |
| Considered necessary.                         | did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply) comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were hanged portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments is below: |
| Other: (list                                  | below)  |
| B. Description of                             | Election process for Residents on the PHA Board   |
| 1. Yes X No                                   | Does the PHA meet the exemption criteria provided section 2(b)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937? (If no, continue to question 2; if yes, skip to sub-component C.)                        |
| 2. Yes No                                     | Was the resident who serves on the PHA Board elected by the residents? (If yes, continue to question 3; if no, skip to subcomponent C.)   |
| 3. Description of R                           | Resident Election Process   |

| a. Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)  Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations  Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance  Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot  Other: (describe)      |
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| It is the policy of the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica that nominations of candidates for tenant representatives on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by a petition (which shall be supplied by the Authority) containing the signatures of qualified residents from all of the Housing Authority's developments. |
| b. Eligible candidates: (select one)  Any recipient of PHA assistance  Any head of household receiving PHA assistance  Any adult recipient of PHA assistance  Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization  Other (list)   |
| All residents in good standing whose names are listed with the Authority, who have resided in an Authority project for at least ninety days prior to the date set for election and are eighteen (18) years of age or older on the date of election, shall be eligible to nominate, vote for and be a tenant representative.                |
| c. Eligible voters: (select all that apply)  All adult recipients of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant-based assistance)  Representatives of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations  Other (list)  |
| All heads of households in good standing whose names are listed with the Authority, who have resided in an Authority development for at least ninety days prior to the date set for election and are eighteen (18) years of age or older on the date of election, shall be eligible to nominate, vote for and be a tenant representative.  |
| C. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as  |
| necessary).  |

| 1. | onsolidated Plan jurisdiction: State of New York   |
|----|--|
|    | ne PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the onsolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)  |
|    | The PHA has based its statement of needs of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.  The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.  The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.  Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below) |
| •  | he Housing Authority will continue to maintain and renovate its public housing units.  |
| •  | We have adopted rent policies that support and encourage work by not requiring rorking families to report increases in income or decreases in allowable expenses etween regular reexaminations.  |
| •  | the Housing Authority will continue to market its public housing and Section 8 program of make families and individuals aware of the availability of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing in the City of Utica.   |
| •  | the Housing Authority Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) equirements are established and designed to:   |
|    | (1) Provide improved living conditions for very low and low-income families while maintaining their rent payments at an affordable level.  |
|    | (2) To operate a socially and financially sound public housing agency that is violence and drug-free, decent, safe and sanitary housing with a suitable living environment for residents and their families.   |
|    | (3) To avoid concentrations of economically and socially deprived families in any of our public housing developments.  |
|    | (4) Deny the admission of applicants, or the continued occupancy of residents, whose habits and practices reasonably may be expected to adversely affect the health, safety, comfort or welfare of other residents or the physical environment of the neighborhood, or create a danger to our employees.   |

- (5) To attempt to house a tenant body in each development that is composed of families with a broad range of incomes and rent-paying abilities that is representative of the range of incomes of low income families in our jurisdiction.
- (6) To ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all other applicable Federal fair housing laws and regulations so that the admissions and continued occupancy are conducted without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status.
- We have similar principles for our Section 8 program:
  - (1) To provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for very low income families while maintaining their rent payments at an affordable level.
  - (2) To ensure that all units meet Housing Quality Standards and families pay fair and reasonable rents.
  - (3) To promote fair housing and the opportunity for very low-income families of all ethnic backgrounds to experience freedom of housing choice.
  - (4) To assist the local economy by increasing the occupancy rate and the amount of money flowing into the community.
  - (5) To create positive public awareness and expand the level of family, owner, and community support in accomplishing the Housing Authority's mission.
  - (6) To attain and maintain a high level of standards and professionalism in our day to day management of all program components.
  - (7) To administer an efficient, high-performing agency through continuous improvement of the Housing Authority support systems and commitment to our employees and their development.
  - (8) To encourage self sufficiency of participant families and assist in the expansion of family opportunities which address educational, socio-economic, recreational and other human service needs.
  - (9) To promote a market-driven housing program that will help qualified low-income families be successful in obtaining affordable housing and increase the supply of housing choices for such families.

Our agency is part of the entire effort undertaken by the City of Utica, Oneida County and the State of New York to address our jurisdiction's affordable housing needs. While we cannot ourselves meet the entire need identified in the Consolidated Plan, in accordance with our goals and objectives included in this Plan, we will try to address some of the identified need by using appropriate resources to maintain and preserve our existing stock. When appropriate and feasible, we will apply for additional grants and loans from federal, state and local sources, including private sources to enhance the affordable housing available in our community. We intend to continue working with our local partners to try and meet these identified needs.

This year we expect to utilize the funds we receive for our existing programs. We will continue to use those resources to house people. At this time we also intend to apply for Public Housing Drug Elimination Program funds. We will consider applying for additional units because we believe we have sufficient need for additional housing resources for the applicants on our waiting lists for the public housing and Section 8 programs. We will also be focusing on management improvements, modernization and increasing the number of owners willing to participate in our Section 8 program. Priorities and guidelines for programs often change from year to year and our decisions to pursue certain opportunities and resources may change over the coming year if there are program changes beyond our control.

| Other: | (list | below  | ) |
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4. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

The New York State Consolidated Plan establishes three strategic objectives that are of equal importance and form the basis of New York State's strategy:

1. Preserve and increase the supply of decent, safe and affordable housing available to all low and moderate income households, and help identify and develop available resources to assist in the development of housing.

The need analysis describes a shortage of affordable housing units in New York State. By increasing the number of decent and affordable housing units, New York State will be addressing each of the housing problems: overcrowding, substandard units, and cost burden. The State plan includes the increase of the supply of decent and affordable housing by assisting in the financing of new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and conversion of

previously nonresidential properties. While not specifically targeting funds in the Consolidated Plan for such programs, New York State believes it has a vested interest in the federal government's commitment to continue to provide resources for the operations, maintenance and preservation of Section 8 and public housing. The Consolidate Plan states: "The preservation of this irreplaceable low-income housing asset should remain a federal priority. Specifically, the federal government should maintain its commitment to rental assistance, preservation of housing eligible for mortgage prepayment and funding for operations, repairs, maintenance and modernization of public housing."

# 2. Improve the ability of low and moderate income New Yorkers to access rental and home-ownership opportunities.

Cost burden is identified as the most widespread of all the various housing problems by New Yorkers. Cost burden disproportionately affects New Yorkers with low and moderate incomes. Renters make up the substantial majority of households with cost burden.

The Consolidated Plan includes the provision of rental assistance where possible and also to providing home-ownership opportunities to low-income and minority households. State housing agencies are encouraged to apply for Section 8 program funding.

The Consolidated Plan notes that there are insufficient Federal and State capital subsidies to increase the supply of affordable housing to address the problems of all those with cost burdens.

Additional strategies include making mortgages available with below market interest rates to first-time home - buyers and providing rehabilitation assistance to low-income homeowners.

# 3. Address the shelter, housing, and service needs of the homeless poor and others with special needs.

The Consolidated Plan reflects that the demand for housing and supportive assistance for the homeless far exceeds the supply; particularly, the frail elderly, disabled, and other segments of the Population requiring supportive living arrangements or services.

Among the programs to be utilized, are the various Section 8 programs.

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The Consolidated Plan addresses Public Housing Resident Initiatives.

"The State does have a State public housing program as noted in the Needs Assessment. Tenant participation in the management of housing authorities is not only encouraged in this State, but mandated in New York's Public Housing Law, which provides that authorities having a population under one million be composed of up to seven members, including two tenants elected by public housing residents. The underlying philosophy has been to ensure that tenants' needs and concerns are effectively communicated to the governing body of the authority and, when necessary, to DHCR, as the supervising State agency."

The use of the term "low and moderate income households" includes all households at or below 80 percent of median income. Extremely low-income households are included in this category which has been identified in the needs analysis as having the highest magnitude of housing problems.

The New York State Objectives respond to the purposes of the National Affordable Housing Act that are:

- 1. to help families not owning a home to safe for a down payment for the purchase of a home;
- 2. to retain wherever feasible as housing affordable to low-income families those dwelling units produced for such purposes with Federal assistance;
- 3. to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, in the production and operation of housing affordable to low-income and moderate-income families:
- 4. to expand and improve Federal rental assistance for very low-income families; and
- 5. to increase the supply of supportive housing, which combines structural features and services needed to enable persons with special needs to live with dignity and independence.

In summary, the New York State Consolidated Plan strategies are consistent with and support the goals and objectives of the Housing Authority of the City of Utica.

#### D. Other Information Required by HUD

Use this section to provide any additional information requested by HUD.

The final Agency Plan Rule contains a requirement in 24 CFR 903.7® that agency plans contain a locally derived definition of "substantial deviation" and "significant amendment or modification."

The Housing Authority of the City of Utica has adopted a definition of substantial deviation and significant amendment or modification. That definition is provided in:

# Attachment ny006g01 –Housing Authority of the City of Utica Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification Attachments

Use this section to provide any additional attachments referenced in the Plans.

Attachment ny006a01 –Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica Deconcentration Policy

Attachment ny006b01 – Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica Capital Fund Program Annual Statement

Attachment ny006c01 – Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan

Attachment ny006d01 – Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica Replacement Housing Fund (RHF) for FFY 1999

Attachment ny006e01 – Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica Replacement Housing Fund (RHF) for FFY 2000

Attachment ny006f01 – Housing Authority of the City of Utica Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Plan

Attachment ny006g01 – Housing Authority of the City of Utica Definition of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment or Modification

# Attachment ny006f02

### MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF UTICA

# **Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Plan**

Note: THIS PHDEP Plan template (HUD 50075-PHDEP Plan) is to be completed in accordance with Instructions located in applicable PIH Notices.

#### **Annual PHDEP Plan Table of Contents:**

- 1. General Information/History
- 2. PHDEP Plan Goals/Budget
- 3. Milestones
- 4. Certifications

#### **Section 1: General Information/History**

- A. Amount of PHDEP Grant \$ 226,243
- B. Eligibility type (Indicate with an "x") N1\_\_\_\_\_ N2\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_X\_\_\_
- C. FFY in which funding is requested FFY 2000
- D. Executive Summary of Annual PHDEP Plan

In the space below, provide a brief overview of the PHDEP Plan, including highlights of major initiatives or activities undertaken. It may include a description of the expected outcomes. The summary must not be more than five (5) sentences long

The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica will use a comprehensive approach to reduce/eliminate drug related crime to provide a safe environment for its residents. Internal security personnel, community police patrols, resident patrols, and drug prevention programs will continue the effort to combat crime in the family developments. PHDEP programs will be combined with partnerships with community organizations to provide residents with increased educational and employment opportunities. These efforts will continue to foster a safe and productive atmosphere within the City of Utica, and provide the support required for the effective elimination of drugs and drug related crime.

#### E. Target Areas

Complete the following table by indicating each PHDEP Target Area (development or site where activities will be conducted), the total number of units in each PHDEP Target Area, and the total number of individuals expected to participate in PHDEP sponsored activities in each Target Area.

| PHDEP Target Areas (Name of development(s) or site) | Total # of Units within<br>the PHDEP Target<br>Area(s) | Total Population to<br>be Served within the<br>PHDEP Target<br>Area(s) |
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| Adrean Terrace; FX Matt, ND Peters                  | 350  | 557  |
| Gillmore Village                                    | 200  | 471  |
| Humphrey Gardens                                    | 108  | 233  |
| Washington Courts                                   | 111  | 246  |
| Duplex Homes and Eagle Street                       | 10   | 33   |

| 6 Months | 12 Months | 18 MonthsX | 24 Months | Other   |
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#### G. PHDEP Program History

Indicate each FY that funding has been received under the PHDEP Program (place an "x" by each applicable Year) and provide amount of funding received. If previously funded programs have not been closed out at the time of this submission, indicate the fund balance and anticipated completion date. For grant extensions received, place "GE" in column or "W" for waivers.

| Fiscal Year of<br>Funding | PHDEP<br>Funding<br>Received | Grant #      | Fund Balance as<br>of Date of this<br>Submission | Grant<br>Extensions<br>or Waivers | Anticipated<br>Completion<br>Date |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| FY 1995                   | 330,600                      | NYDEP0060195 | -0-  | -0-                               | completed                         |
| FY 1996                   | 326,400                      | NYDEP0060196 | -0-  | -0-                               | completed                         |
| FY 1997                   | 311,900                      | NYDEP0060197 | -0-  | -0-                               | completed                         |
| FY1998                    | 311,700                      | NYDEP0060198 | -0-  | -0-                               | completed                         |
| FY 1999                   | 226,243                      | NYDEP0060199 | 226,243  | -0-                               | 6/30/01                           |

#### Section 2: PHDEP Plan Goals and Budget

#### A. PHDEP Plan Summary

In the space below, summarize the PHDEP strategy to address the needs of the target population/target area(s). Your summary should briefly identify: the broad goals and objectives, the role of plan partners, and your system or process for monitoring and evaluating PHDEP-funded activities. This summary should not exceed 5-10 sentences.

The Plan maintains the presence of law enforcement above and beyond base-line services and Volunteer Tenant Patrols; continues job creation efforts under our welfare-to-work programs and proposes a comprehensive case management effort directed towards drug prevention/intervention and youth leadership development. Outreach to residents provides a continuum of care on-site, in our new resident training centers, and is designed to improve personal self-esteem, employability, significant activities meaningful to youth, and licensed substance abuse treatment. On-site case managers, including a case management coordinator, case management specialist and a drug advisor will provide assistance to residents through on-going drug prevention programs.

Our goals and objectives are to provide visible security patrols for the developments that will help to reduce the presence of drugs and drug-related crime. Reports from security patrols will provide monitoring and evaluation of their activities. Our case management staff goals and objectives are to provide educational and employment opportunities to residents. Monitoring and evaluation is determined by the maintenance of detailed statistical reports reflecting the number of families assisted and the rates of success.

#### **B. PHDEP Budget Summary**

Enter the total amount of PHDEP funding allocated to each line item.

| FY 2000 PHDEP Budget Summary            |        |  |  |  |
|---|--------|--|--|--|
| Budget Line Item Total Funding          |        |  |  |  |
| 9110 - Reimbursement of Law Enforcement | 71,222 |  |  |  |
| 9120 - Security Personnel               |        |  |  |  |
| 9130 - Employment of Investigators      |        |  |  |  |

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| 9140 - Voluntary Tenant Patrol | 2,490   |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 9150 - Physical Improvements   |         |
| 9160 - Drug Prevention         |         |
| 9170 - Drug Intervention       |         |
| 9180 - Drug Treatment          |         |
| 9190 - Other Program Costs     |         |
|                                |         |
| TOTAL PHDEP FUNDING            | 226,243 |

#### C. PHDEP Plan Goals and Activities

In the tables below, provide information on the PHDEP strategy summarized above by budget line item. Each goal and objective should be numbered sequentially for each budget line item (where applicable). Use as many rows as necessary to list proposed activities (additional rows may be inserted in the tables). PHAs are not required to provide information in shaded boxes. Information provided must be concise—not to exceed two sentences in any column. Tables for line items in which the PHA has no planned goals or activities may be deleted.

| 9110 - Reimbursement of Law Enforcement |                               |                      |               |                              | Total PHD         | EP Funding: \$                 | 71,222                        |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Goal(s)                                 | To provi                      | de visible security  | patrols for   | the public ho                | ousing develo     | pments                         |                               |
| Objectives                              | To reduc                      | e drug and drug rel  | ated crime    | in the Munic                 | ipal Housing      | Authority of t                 | he City of Utica              |
| Proposed Activities                     | # of<br>Person<br>s<br>Served | Target<br>Population | Start<br>Date | Expected<br>Complete<br>Date | PHEDEP<br>Funding | Other Funding (Amount/ Source) | Performance Indicators        |
| 1.Law Enforcement Officers              |                               |                      | 7/1/01        | 6/30/02                      | 71,222            | -0-                            | Reduction in Crime activities |
| 2.                                      |                               |                      |               |                              |                   |                                |                               |
| 3.                                      |                               |                      |               |                              |                   |                                |                               |

| 9120 - Security Personnel |           |   |           |   | Total PHDEP Funding: \$ -0- |          |                        |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Goal(s)                   | To protec | ct life and property                        | in public | housing   |                             |          |                        |
| Objectives                | To provi  | To provide site management for safe housing |           |   |                             |          |                        |
| Proposed Activities       | # of      | Target                                      | Start     | Expected  | PHEDEP                      | Other    | Performance Indicators |
|                           | Person    | Population                                  | Date      | Complete  | Funding                     | Funding  |                        |
|                           | S         |   |           | Date  |                             | (Amount  |                        |
|                           | Served    |   |           |   |                             | /Source) |                        |
| 1.                        |           |   |           |   |                             |          |                        |
| 2.                        |           |   |           | , in the second |                             |          |                        |
| 3.                        |           |   |           |   |                             |          |                        |

| 9130 - Employment of Investigators |                               |                      |               |                              |                   | Total PHDEP Funding: \$ -0-    |                        |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Goal(s)                            |                               |                      |               |                              |                   |                                |                        |  |
| Objectives                         |                               |                      |               |                              |                   |                                |                        |  |
| Proposed Activities                | # of<br>Person<br>s<br>Served | Target<br>Population | Start<br>Date | Expected<br>Complete<br>Date | PHEDEP<br>Funding | Other Funding (Amount /Source) | Performance Indicators |  |
| 1.                                 |                               |                      |               |                              |                   |                                |                        |  |
| 2.                                 |                               |                      |               |                              |                   |                                |                        |  |
| 3.                                 |                               |                      |               |                              |                   |                                |                        |  |

| 9140 - Voluntary Tenant Patrol |                               |                              |               |                              | Total PHDEP Funding: \$ 2,490 |   |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Goal(s)                        | To assist                     | To assist in site management |               |                              |                               |   |  |
| Objectives                     | To monit                      | or, deter, detect and        | d report cr   | iminal activity              | /                             |   |  |
| Proposed Activities            | # of<br>Person<br>s<br>Served | Target<br>Population         | Start<br>Date | Expected<br>Complete<br>Date | PHEDEP<br>Funding             | Other<br>Funding<br>(Amount<br>/Source) | Performance Indicators                             |
| 1. Tenant Patrols              | 2,102                         | 2,102                        | 7/1/01        | 6/30/02                      | 2,490                         | -0-                                     | Reduced incidents of criminal activity (goal – 3%) |
| 2.                             |                               |                              |               |                              |                               |   |  |
| 3.                             |                               | `                            |               |                              |                               |   |  |

| 9150 - Physical Improvements |                               |                      |               |                              | Total PHDEP Funding: \$ -0- |                                |                        |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Goal(s)                      |                               |                      |               |                              |                             |                                |                        |
| Objectives                   |                               |                      |               |                              |                             |                                |                        |
| Proposed Activities          | # of<br>Person<br>s<br>Served | Target<br>Population | Start<br>Date | Expected<br>Complete<br>Date | PHEDEP<br>Funding           | Other Funding (Amount /Source) | Performance Indicators |
| 1.                           |                               |                      |               |                              |                             |                                |                        |
| 2.                           |                               |                      |               |                              |                             |                                |                        |
| 3.                           |                               |                      |               |                              |                             |                                |                        |

| 9160 - Drug Prevention |           |  |        |          | Total PHDEP Funding: \$ 84,565 |          |                        |  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|--------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|------------------------|--|
| Goal(s)                | To provid | To provide assistance through case management        |        |          |                                |          |                        |  |
| Objectives             | To reach  | To reach out to residents in need of assistance      |        |          |                                |          |                        |  |
| Proposed Activities    | # of      | Target   | Start  | Expected | PHEDEP                         | Other    | Performance Indicators |  |
|                        | Person    | Population   | Date   | Complete | Funding                        | Funding  |                        |  |
|                        | S         |  |        | Date     |                                | (Amount  |                        |  |
|                        | Served    |  |        |          |                                | /Source) |                        |  |
| 1. Case Management     | 2,102     | 2,102  | 7/1/01 | 6/30/02  | 64,965                         | -0-      | # of referrals         |  |
| Coordinator/Specialist |           |  |        |          |                                |          |                        |  |
| 2. Drug Advisor        | 2,102     | 2,102 2,102 7/1/01 6/30/02 19,500 -0- # of referrals |        |          |                                |          |                        |  |
| 3.                     |           |  |        |          |                                |          |                        |  |

| 9170 - Drug Intervention |           |  |             |          | Total PHDEP Funding: \$ 61,880 |         |                        |  |
|--------------------------|-----------|--|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------|--|
| Goal(s)                  | To provid | To provide safety and programming to residents at risk |             |          |                                |         |                        |  |
| Objectives               | To reduc  | e resident involver                                    | nent in dru | ig use   |                                |         |                        |  |
| Proposed Activities      | # of      | Target   | Start       | Expected | PHEDEP                         | Other   | Performance Indicators |  |
|                          | Person    | Person Population Date Complete Funding Funding        |             |          |                                |         |                        |  |
|                          | S         |  |             | Date     |                                | (Amount |                        |  |

|                            | Served |       |        |         |        | /Source) |                   |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. Security Consultant     | 2.102  | 2.102 | 7/1/01 | 6/30/02 | 34,000 | -0-      | Crime Reduction   |
| 2. Drug Prevention         | 2.102  | 2,102 | 7/1/01 | 6/30/02 | 25,480 | -0-      | % of Residents    |
| Supportive Services        |        |       |        |         |        |          | rehabilitated     |
| 3. Evaluation of Grant and | 2,102  | 2,102 | 7/1/01 | 6/30/02 | 2,400  | -0-      | Evaluation/survey |
| survey                     |        |       |        |         |        |          | completion        |

| 9180 - Drug Treatment |        |            |       |          | Total PHDEP Funding: \$ -0- |          |                        |
|-----------------------|--------|------------|-------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Goal(s)               |        |            |       |          |                             |          |                        |
| Objectives            |        |            |       |          |                             |          |                        |
| Proposed Activities   | # of   | Target     | Start | Expected | PHEDEP                      | Other    | Performance Indicators |
|                       | Person | Population | Date  | Complete | Funding                     | Funding  |                        |
|                       | S      |            |       | Date     |                             | (Amount  |                        |
|                       | Served |            |       |          |                             | /Source) |                        |
| 1.                    |        |            |       |          |                             |          |                        |
| 2.                    |        |            |       |          |                             |          |                        |
| 3.                    |        |            |       |          |                             |          |                        |

| 9190 - Other Program Costs          |                               |   |               |                              | Total PHDEP Funds: \$ 6,086 |                                |                        |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Goal(s) Objectives                  | _                             | To provide leadership training for public housing youth  To provide peer leaders for public housing youth |               |                              |                             |                                |                        |  |
| Proposed Activities                 | # of<br>Person<br>s<br>Served | Target<br>Population  | Start<br>Date | Expected<br>Complete<br>Date | PHEDEP<br>Funding           | Other Funding (Amount /Source) | Performance Indicators |  |
| 1.Project Youth training leadership |                               |   | 7/1/01        | 6/30/02                      | 5,600                       | -0-                            | # of youth trained     |  |
| 2. Travel 3.                        |                               |   | 7/1/01        | 6/30/02                      | 486                         | -0-                            | Travel expensed        |  |

## **Section 3: Expenditure/Obligation Milestones**

Indicate by Budget Line Item and the Proposed Activity (based on the information contained in Section 2 PHDEP Plan Budget and Goals), the % of funds that will be expended (at least 25% of the total grant award) and obligated (at least 50% of the total grant award) within 12 months of grant execution.

| Budget Line<br>Item#           | 25% Expenditure<br>of Total Grant<br>Funds By Activity | Total PHDEP Funding Expended (sum of the | 50% Obligation of<br>Total Grant Funds<br>by Activity # | Total PHDEP Funding Obligated (sum of the |
|--------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| e.g Budget Line<br>Item # 9120 | Activities 1, 3  | activities)                              | Activity 2  | activities)                               |

| 9110  | Activity #1-100%   | 71,222     | 71,222     |
|-------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| 9120  |                    |            | -0-        |
| 9130  |                    |            | -0-        |
| 9140  | #1 – 100%          | 2,490      | 2,490      |
| 9150  |                    |            | -0-        |
| 9160  | #1; #2; - 100%     | 84,565     | 84,565     |
| 9170  | #1; #2; #3; - 100% | 61,880     | 61,880     |
| 9180  |                    |            | -0-        |
| 9190  | #1; #2 – 100%      | 6,086      | 6,086      |
|       |                    |            |            |
| TOTAL |                    | \$ 226,243 | \$ 226,243 |

## **Section 4: Certifications**

A comprehensive certification of compliance with respect to the PHDEP Plan submission is included in the "PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plan and Related Regulations."